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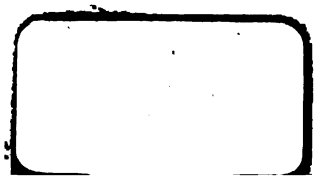

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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the last President, Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D. The sermon was preached by the same, from 1 John, 1: 7; "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. T. S. Dusinberre, Rev. John B. Church.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. N. H. Van Arnsdale, Rev. Paul T. Deyo. *Elder* W. H. Krom.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. E. S. Fairchild, Rev. J. H Carroll, D.D. *Elders* J. N. Brinkerhoff, B. S. Holt.

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. C. R. Blauvelt, Rev. E. P. Ingersoll. *Elders* D. Jewell, J. Debevoise.

Classis of New York.—Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., Rev. J. Forsyth, D.D. *Elders* G. G. Smith, H. Camerden, Jr.

South Classis of New York.—Rev. Thos. G. Watson. *Elder* Malcolm McLeod.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, Rev. John Dubois. *Elders* John Lyon, D. W. Rapalye.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. G. Talmage, Rev. H. Ward. *Elder* William Seward.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. V. M. Hulbert, D.D., Rev. David Cole, D.D. *Elder* Richard Walsh.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. G. Talmage was elected *President;* Rev. J. H. Carrol, D.D., was elected *Adsessor*, and Revs. T. S. Dusinberre and Thomas G. Watson were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Stated Session of Synod were read.

The bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. V. M. Hulbert, C. R. Blauvelt. *Elder* Henry Camerden, Jr.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. A. Ward, John Dubois. *Elder* William Seward.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. E. P. Ingersoll, David Cole. *Elder* John Debevoise.

On the Questorate.—Revs. G. H. Mandeville, Paul T. Deyo. *Elder* Ditmas Jewell.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. John Forsyth, M. V. Schoonmaker. *Elder* B. S. Holt.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the North Reformed Church of Brooklyn, asking to be transferred from the South Classis of Long Island, to the South Classis of New York.

This communication was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business and Overtures.

A communication was received from Rev. Joseph Scudder, stating that his certificate of nomination as a delegate to the General Synod from the Classis of Arcot had not been received, and asking that he might be appointed as such.

The request was granted.

A communication, entitled "License and Dispensations" was received from Rev. I. Riley.

This communication was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, and with this paper the reports of Rev. I. Riley, Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of New York, and Rev. J. McC. Holmes, Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of Hudson, were referred to the same committee.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod, and find nothing therein requiring the special attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE V.

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, NEW BRUNSWICK AND CHICAGO.

Copies of the Minutes of each of these Synods were received and laid on the table.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee respectfully report, That Reports on the State of Religion and Statistical Tables have been placed in their hands from all the Classes, except the Classis of Arcot, from which no report on the State of Religion has been received. They recommend that

these reports take the usual course and be printed in full in the Minutes of Synod.

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report, That, in reviewing the past year, we have abundant reason to tune our harps anew to the praise of Jehovah's grace, who has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The vacancies within our bounds at the last report, and another occasioned by the decease of a beloved and honored brother, have been happily filled. A new Church has been formed in a neighborhood warranting the enterprise, and which gives promise of usefulness and well doing. The Holy Spirit has been powerfully present within our bounds, and, at least, two of our Churches have rejoiced in numerous additions. General prosperity has marked all the Churches, while special blessings have descended upon some. The preaching of the Word—social meetings for prayer—the Sabbath-school effort, and the cause of benevolence, have all been devoutly regarded, and generously sustained. Altogether, we must thank God and take courage.

The Church of Hudson has been unusually blest. Aside from the general and ordinary prosperity, which has, of late, characterized this Church, a special work of grace has been in progress. The work of prayer developed more than ordinary interest on the part both of Christians and the impenitent. Successive weeks of special service intensified the interest, and the power of the Holy Ghost has ever since been present. As the happy result of this revival, fifty souls, at least, have been hopefully converted to God. Thirty-six, including one at the advanced age of seventy-nine, have connected themselves with the Church on profession of their faith, and others are expected to do so at the next communion.

God's people have been greatly sanctified, and an increased desire awakened to become more like Christ. The attendance and interest at the Sabbath-school have been larger and deeper than ever before. The instruction communicated has been very profitable, and twelve of the scholars have, it is believed, been converted to God. The liberality of the Church is still on the increase, and the aggregate of benevolent contributions, this year, is some hundreds of dollars in advance of any former year. Two young

men, connected with this Church, have, during the year, commenced their studies, preparatory to entering upon the Gospel ministry. And two others, who have completed their collegiate course, have this same work in view.

Claverack reports a year of ordinary activity and general prosperity. Special interest has been taken in regard to church music. An unusual number of the more aged members of the Church have died. The cause of benevolence is fully maintained. Four have been added to the Church on confession of their faith in Jesus, and three, by certificate.

The Second Church of Claverack. Though no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet a marked current of religious feeling among the impenitent; a few hopefully brought to Christ, and the interest still encouraging. Christian benevolence has been comparatively active. The Sabbath-schools, in this respect have done well. Of the three which have been maintained, one alone, has contributed one hundred dollars to Foreign Missions. The attendance upon the sanctuary has been greater than in any former year. The enlargement of the house of worship is more than justified by the numbers habitually present at the Sabbaths' services. In temporalities, they are highly favored. The great need is the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

Linlithgo reports unusual prosperity, both temporal and spiritual. The diminution of subscription by the removal of members, to form a new enterprise, has been more than made up, by the prompt and enlarged liberality of the friends. Two regular Sunday services have been uniformly maintained, besides two semi-monthly ones, in different parts of the congregation, and one weekly prayer meeting, all of which have been well attended. The observance of the Week of Prayer developed an interest in spiritual things, that warranted the continuance of nightly services. These were held for six weeks, resulting in the addition, to the Church, of nineteen on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Others seem to be almost persuaded to become Christians, who, it is hoped, will soon confess the Saviour.

Greenpoint has continued to be favored, during the past year, by the presence and blessing of God. The means of grace have been enjoyed and appropriated; and by the operation of the Holy Spirit, have been blest. Souls have been converted, and led to confess the Lord Jesus Eight have been added to the Church on profes-

sion of their faith. Believers have advanced in the divine life, as apparent in a higher standard of piety, a more careful searching of the Scriptures, a greater zeal for the instruction of the youth, and the salvation of sinners. The Church has been less worldly, and more spiritual and devoted: so that worldliness has been rebuked, and somewhat subdued, and never has there been a year of less gaiety, pleasure seeking and vice, than during the one just closed.

Germantown. The past year has been marked by no special events calling for extended notice. The regular services of the sanctuary have been enjoyed, and the evening meetings have been well attended. Two have confessed the Lord Jesus, by union with the Church. The Sabbath-school has been well sustained. The Week of Prayer was observed with much and promising interest, but the harvest is not yet reaped. The state of the Church, is, on the whole, encouraging.

Upper Red Hook send a report of mingled grief and gladness. In July last, the Church was called to mourn the death of their beloved pastor Rev. John G. Johnson. Suddenly smitten by disease, the loss to this people seemed all the more severe, being unexpected. But his works follow him, and his name is held in the highest and most affectionate esteem by the people. Last December, the Church called, as the young man of their choice, the candidate Henry V. S. Myers, to become their pastor. He was ordained and installed on the fourteenth of February. Thus the people again rejoice in the presence of an under-shepherd. Since this period, the state of things connected with the Church has been very pleasing and promising. There have been manifest indications of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The services on the Sabbaths have been largely and fully attended, and the weekly service not only so, but occasionally crowded. These large audiences, it is hoped, indicate an interest in the things of God, both among Christians and unbelievers. There have been added to the Church six on confession of their faith.

Greenbush. This Church is now favored with the settlement of a pastor, whose services are refreshing and useful. Four persons, in the morning of life, have professed their faith in the Saviour. Two of these are heads of families, and all give promise of being Christian workers. The grace of benevolence is producing fruit, in a way that encourages the expectation of larger benefactions, year by year. The weekly prayer meeting is well sustained, and

the Sabbath-school, during the summer, was in a flourishing condition, under the superintendence of Elder Scott.

Taghkanic rejoices in the settlement of a pastor, and in the full privileges of the pastorate, which they are permitted again to enjoy. The Sabbath services and the weekly prayer meetings have been well attended, and a deep interest in behalf of souls has been manifested. Disease in their midst rendered it necessary to close the church for four Sabbaths, and the interest on the part of the unconverted seemed to die out. In answer to earnest prayer, it is hoped the Holy Spirit will yet be poured out, and the work of salvation go forward. One has professed a hope in Christ.

Livingston Reformed Church at Linlithgo. This is a new Church, constituted by Classis on the 17th of November last. The house of worship is erected on the very spot where stood, many years ago, the building in which worshipped the first and original Church of Linlithgo, afterwards removed to the village of Johnstown. Soon after the organization of this Church, the services of the Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn were secured as a stated supply, until such time as it might seem financially prudent, and for the best interests of the Church, to settle a pastor. The attendance upon the Sabbath services has been uniformly good, and gradually increasing to the present time. The harmony of feeling, prevalent throughout the congregation, the careful attention to the preached Word and the zeal exhibited in the support of the ordinances of God's house, are encouraging and hopeful. Some are quite thoughtful on the subject of personal religion, and it is hoped that ere long they will be found among the followers of Christ. These facts, in connection with the consideration that many who rarely heard the word of God, now steadily listen to its proclamation, lead to the hope that the Church will be a blessing in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The following changes have taken place. The Candidates, John B. Church, and Henry V. S. Myers have been received, the former from the Classis of Rensselaer, and ordained and installed over the Church of Taghkanic, the latter from the South Classis of Long Island, and ordained and installed over the Church of Upper Red Hook. Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff has been received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed over the Church of Greenbush. Rev. R. M. Whitbeck has been dismissed to connect himself with

the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. John G. Johnson has been removed by death.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID A. JONES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Kingston begs leave to present the following:

The Church of Clove reports the enjoyment of their accustomed temporal and spiritual prosperity. No unusual religious interest has been manifested during the year. The attendance upon the means of grace has been gratifying. Eight have been added to their communion by confession, and there has been a loss of eight by dismission, one by suspension and five by death.

The Church of Dashville Falls reports that the faithful labors of their pastor have been blessed in the addition to their communion, on confession, of twenty-one persons, one-half being members of the Sabbath-school, which is increasingly prosperous. They acknowledge great reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving on account of the manifestation of the Redeemer's presence among them.

Guilford reports a gain of four by confession, and a loss of nine by dismission and of six by death. Five of their oldest and honored brethren have been admitted to their rest. They make particular mention of Nathaniel J. Le Fever and Richard Hardenburgh. They render thanks to God for the evidences of His presence, and hope and pray for greater manifestations of His goodness and redeeming love.

The Hurley and North Marbletown Churches state in their annual report that some of those alluded to in their last annual statement to Classis, as halting between two opinions, have since taken a stand for Jesus. Although there has not been any special interest during the year, yet there has been more reason for encouragement than at any time during the present pastorate. Seventeen have been received on confession of their faith in Christ. Their Sabbath-schools are prosperous and continue to abound in the grace of liberality. The Hurley Sabbath-school has raised for the Board of Foreign Missions, $92. The North Marbletown Sabbath-school $40 50. Six have been removed by death from the North Marbletown Church.

The Second Church of Kingston bears record to the continued goodness and presence of the Great Head of the Church. The increase by letter and confession has been greater than in any former year of the present pastorate, the whole number added to the Church being forty-eight. The past year, they say, has been one of steady progress and healthful growth. Their prayer meetings are unusually large and interesting, and their Sabbath-school has taken a new start, numbering some six or seven Bible classes, taught by thoroughly educated Christian men. They close their annual record with thanks to the God of the spiritual harvest for the fruitful past, and with the hope and prayer for a still more abundant future.

The Church of Marbletown, in their report, speaks of much interest in the Sabbath-schools of the Congregation. Their School at Stone Ridge is steadily increasing in all the essentials to a permanent Church help. They say, our song, which has been often of thanksgiving and joy, has this year been turned into mourning. We have been led to exclaim, "Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" They report the death of six members, among them two who have filled the office of Elders. They died strong in faith, and have entered into their rest.

New Paltz speaks of the past year as one marked by many sore afflictions upon the families of the Congregation. They make special mention of the loss of their Senior Elder, Derick W. Eltinge, an eminently wise and earnest, as well as amiable servant of the Church. Seventeen persons, all of them children of the Covenant, have been brought into the communion of the Church. Among these is an unusual proportion of young men, just rising to established influence in the community.

Rosendale acknowledges, with gratitude, the kindness of the members of the Classis of Kingston in supplying their pulpit for about four months, during the illness of their pastor. They report the attendence on the means of grace encouraging. They are not without witness that God is willing and ready to answer prayer and to forgive sin. Their prayer-meetings are characterized by increased interest. Their prayer is for a richer blessing during the coming year.

Samsonville mentions their grateful recognition of God's presence with them during the past year. They have not experienced copious showers; yet, have been blessed with the droppings of Redeeming

Love. Religious effort there, has been blessed in the conversion of fourteen souls.

St. Remy reports the attendance upon the means of grace good. The prayer-meetings and Sabbath-school have been uniformly well sustained. Their prayer is that the good Lord would grant them *spiritual* strength not only, but *numerical* strength, by adding to their communion and fellowship many precious souls.

These brief extracts from the several reports that have come to our hands from the Churches composing the Classis, show that there has been no unusually large accession to any one of the Churches. What characterizes our report this year, is the unusually large accession from our several communions to the holy communion and fellowship of the Church triumphant. Let us take courage from their beautiful life and happy death, so that, when our work shall cease, we may be able to testify, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course."

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. VAN ARSDALE, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfullly reports:

That they find nothing demanding the special attention of Classis.

In accordance with custom, the following is presented from the reports of Consistories:

Jamaica reports the blessing of the Divine Spirit. The Church is enjoying all the marks of a seeming temporal and spiritual prosperity. A new pastor has been installed.

Newtown. The past year has been marked by no special advancement in spiritual things. The temporal affairs are in a most successful condition.

Oyster Bay has been blessed in the colonizing of two Churches. The one at Locust Valley has applied to Classis for independent existence.

North Hempstead makes no report.

Williamsburg. The past year has been one of continued peace and prosperity. The number of attendants on Sabbath services has greatly increased.

Astoria: "Hopes and fears alternate," but on the whole there is great reason for gratitude to God.

Greenpoint. Another year of "peace, prosperity and extended usefulness" has passed. With no special work of grace, the year has been marked with almost continuous manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Flushing reports steady improvement, with particular interest in the Sabbath-school.

South Bushwick. The past year has been one of harmonious action and prosperity.

Lee Avenue reports a quiet revival of religion extending through the whole year.

East Williamsburg. We have had regular services in our little sanctuary both on Sabbath and in the week. All the services have been well sustained.

Queens. Both spiritually and temporally we have been blessed.

Second Astoria. The pecuniary condition of the Church is "greatly promising."

Second Newtown. Our future promises well. The meetings continue to grow in interest.

German Evangelical. "Growth this year is slow but sure."

Sayville. Matters have remained as usual. This little Church has made collections for all the Boards.

Changes during the year:

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. B. Alliger and the Church of Jamaica; the Rev. Ira C. Boice and the Church of North Hempstead; the Rev. James Wyckoff and the Church of Queens, and the Rev. John H. Smock and the Church of Oyster Bay, have been dissolved.

The Rev. Henry V. Voorhees has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus; the Rev. James Wyckoff to the Classis of Illinois, and the Rev. John H. Smock to the Classis of Philadelphia. The Rev. J. G. Van Slyke has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia and installed pastor of the Church of Jamaica.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER McELVY, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee upon the State of Religion have made the following extracts from reports, which will show the particular condition of the Churches.

Church of Brooklyn says: "Nothing unusual, much the same as last year."

Church of Flatbush says: "During the past year our colored mission has sustained its reputation for usefulness. The growth of our Sunday-school has occasioned a want of more room. This and other pressing necessities have induced our Consistory to commence the erection of a building, suitable for the accommodation of a Sunday school, which is expected to be finished by early fall. Extra meetings have of late been held, which give us hope for the speedy rising of the sun of righteousness."

Church of New Utrecht. "No special awakening. We have held no extra services, but the stated means of grace, through the power of the Holy Ghost, have been instrumental in leading a greater number of souls to Christ, than have been received into the communion of the Church, since the great ingathering of 1866."

Church of Gravesend reports. "The means of grace have been in operation without the interruption of one single week. No special awakening, but tokens of the presence of the Divine Spirit. A few have been added to the Church on confession of faith. Some needed improvements have been made on the church property."

Church of Flatlands says: "The Church has been destitute of a pastor during eleven months of the year, but the Church has been open every Sabbath to the preaching of the Gospel."

The Church of East New York says: "The past year has been about as the previous ones as regards religious interest. The prayer meeting has been kept up and well attended. The Sabbath-school is in a very promising condition."

The Church of South Brooklyn says: "The attendance on the means of grace has been good. The Sabbath-school has received the special care of the Church. The children are catechized once each month and the recitations on these occasions are excellent The infant class is large."

The Church of Middle Brooklyn says: "This Church has been brought under the reviving influence of the Holy Spirit, and at last

the Lord has poured us out a copious blessing. As far as we can learn our people are perfectly united, and many are filled with wonder at the fulness of the blessing. In addition to our regular Friday evening prayer meeting, there is one for the young men on Monday evening, for the young ladies on Thursday afternoon, for the ladies on Wednesday afternoon, a Sabbath-school prayer meeting, and a short prayer meeting after the Sabbath evening's service, all well attended."

The Twelfth street Church reports, "Gradually increased in communicants, and the attendance has probably doubled within the past two years. The Sabbath-school is large and interesting, The young People's Union is an institution of much promise."

Church of North Brooklyn. "We are not able to report quite so large an accession as last year, yet we think the religious interest has been greater, especially among the church members. The semi-monthly meetings of the Young People's Association have been crowded and are exerting a healthful influence, not only in the Church, but in the community around us. There is an increased attendance upon the Sabbath services."

Church of New Brooklyn. "The spiritual condition of the Church is encouraging. Since September last 33 persons have been added on profession of faith."

Church of East Brooklyn. "There seems to be a revival of religious feeling, particularly at our Wednesday evening prayer meetings, which are well attended."

The following changes have occurred.

Rev. Anson Dubois, D.D., has been received from the Classis of Schenectady and installed over the Church of Flatlands.

The pastoral relation between Rev. S. F. Farmer and the Church of East Brooklyn was dissolved, and he dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn. The licentiate C. F. C. Suckow was received from the Classis of Albany, ordained and installed over the Church of New Brooklyn.

The licentiate Henry V. S. Myers has been dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

The candidate Alfred E. Myers has been licensed and ordained and is laboring at the Bethany Mission.

The candidate Peter B. Crolius has been licensed to preach the Gospel.

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Classis of New York respectfully reports:

That the several Churches under the jurisdiction of this Classis report a pleasing and encouraging state of religious interest. *Special refreshings* from the presence of the Lord have not visited any portion of our heritage. Yet, in all our Churches the work of the Divine Master is done with a good measure of fidelity. *Soundness of doctrine* is maintained. *The purity of the Church* in the maintenence of Christian discipline is sought. The young are taught in the truths of our holy religion through Sabbath schools and pastoral care. Prayer meetings are generally well sustained. The various instrumental requisites to vigorous church-life appear to be carefully regarded.

There seems also to be a growing *interest* in the *aggressive work* of the Church of Christ upon the world. Our people are evidently becoming more appreciative of their obligations to make the influence of the truth of the Church of God felt upon the masses, now unreached by the institutions of Christianity. Our Churches are mainly located where the hosts of error and vice put forth their greatest energies. In great commercial centres the spirit of worldliness breathes its most intense influences over the people. The spirit of practical unbelief—and especially of philosophical infidelity, both in its materialistic and speculative forms—works with its mightiest energies, and effects its greatest achievements. Here the intellect feels most powerfully the quickening impulse of thought colliding with thought. Formalism finds its most abundant materials where wealth and fashion exert their potent and fascinating charms. Corruption and crime develop most luxuriantly in the hot-beds of crowded streets and packed tenements. Here the Church has to meet its most powerful antagonisms and needs the very highest development in Christian activities and liberality.

It gives us great joy to be able to report that our Churches are, in a good degree, mindful of these obligations and the necessity to meet opposing forces with corresponding devotedness for Christ and

His Kingdom. This is manifest, not only in the sustentation of our established Churches, but in constantly enlarging more intelligent and better directed mission-work for the outlying masses of humanity.

We present brief statements from the reports of the Consistories that have been presented.

The Collegiate Church says that Rev. Dr. Wm. Ormiston commenced his labors in October last, and has been very successful.

Rev. Wm. H. De Hart took charge of the Knox Memorial Chapel in February last, to the entire satisfaction of the congregation.

Thirty-fourth Street gratefully acknowledges the kindness of the Lord, and reports the attendance and interest undiminished, and the resumption of two evening services during the week with very happy results.

St. Paul says: "There has been the same even flow of Divine mercy; an increased sense of responsibility in the service of Christ and His Church, mingled with thankfulness for the past and hope for the future."

Madison Avenue tells gratefully of the addition of ten (10) new members by confession, notwithstanding the inevitable changes of their transition state, and speaks very cheeringly and hopefully of their prospects for the future in their new edifice, which they expect to occupy in the early fall.

German Evangelical Mission says: "We have prayed, instructed, preached, exhorted, visited, contributed faithfully, cheerfully, liberally, systematically, and by Divine blessing have made considerable improvements."

Bloomingdale reports "continued indications of the Divine favor."

Harlem speaks of increase of earnestness and zeal among the people of God and of growing interest and power in the social meetings for prayer.

Mott Haven tells of "a gradual and healthy increase in membership and in the number of families, unbroken harmony and a good degree of prosperity."

Staten Island notices "the quiet, steady progress of Christ's

work, tokens of the Master's presence, and the peace and harmony of the Church."

Richmond, S. I., tells of great difficulty in sustaining the institutions of the Gospel from loss of much of "its efficient force" by removal and death. At the same time it makes the encouraging statement of a *hopeful enterprise* at Gifford's, "where a neat and commodious chapel has been built and dedicated, and regular service is maintained once every Sabbath" with good prospects "for substantial growth."

The Church of the Huguenots reports a favorable attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel. A somewhat revived interest, a flourishing Sabbath-school, and peace and harmony.

The Fourth German reports the commencement of a new edifice in 40th St., which it hopes to occupy by next November, when it confidently expects, by the Divine blessing, a speedy growth to a self-sustaining position.

Prospect Hill announces "steady and healthy, although not rapid growth, with increased attention to the instruction of the young, the care of the poor, and missionary service among the neglected of the neighborhood."

The Holland Church presents a more cheerful report than has heretofore been its privilege. Having secured a pastor, their prospects are brighter, and their hopes and energies are quickened.

The South Church reports "the past year a season of unbroken harmony and prosperity, and the continuance of its several benevolent and missionary associations in their useful labor."

South New Haven sends the statement that it has enjoyed a pleasant spiritual quickening and feels greatly encouraged.

Brookfield is about to call a new pastor.

Rev. Wm. Ormiston has been received from the Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev. Chas. H. H. Wolff from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Wm. H. De Hart from the Classis of Philadelphia.

Rev. J. L. McNair has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Cayuga, and the Rev. S. W. Roe to the Classis of Schoharie.

The death-roll of our members swells to a large number, some of whom have served in the Deaconate and Eldership. The workmen are called to higher service. Their departure reminds us that

faithful service shall receive its reward, and the Cross be exchanged for the Crown.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The committee appointed to prepare the Classical Report, beg leave to report that they have received returns from the following Churches, viz: The Church of Brighton Heights, Church on Washington Square, Union Reformed Church, 6th Avenue, Church of Bushwick, Church of Manhattan, and the German Reformed Protestant Church, Norfolk Street.

The Church of Bushwick report that they have enjoyed, the past year, a good degree of external prosperity. They have been enabled to enlarge their lecture room and to repair and improve their Church edifice, for which they have raised and expended about 2,000 dollars. The Sabbath-school is in a pleasant, promising condition, and prayer-meetings are observed with more than usual interest.

The Church of Manhattan report that their congregation is slowly growing; but that the most encouraging feature of their Church is the marked growth in grace and increased activity of its members. They have had two prayer-meetings each week, well sustained, together with a young ladies' prayer-meeting, weekly. They have also formed a Young People's Christian Association which is prospering.

The German Reformed Church, of Norfolk Street, state that the Head of the Church has blessed them richly in the preached Word; that their basement is filled with children; that they are engaged in an endeavor to lessen the amount of the mortgage which has so heavily pressed them.

The Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, report great spiritual and temporal prosperity during the past year. Their congregation has very much increased; their Sabbath-school has been greatly blessed in an increased number of scholars, and especially in the presence of the Holy Spirit in turning sinners to Christ. A deep and powerful religious interest has been manifested throughout the whole Church. Special meetings have been well sustained; many

have been turned unto the Lord; the Christian graces of the brethren have been quickened, and unity, brotherly love and zealous labor have characterized all the affairs of the Church. Their temporal prosperity has kept pace with their spiritual, and the great Head of the Church has blessed them, consequently they are now contributing to the Boards of the Church—a thing which had long been interrupted.

The Rev. Lawrence P. Cummings, from the Presbytery of New York, has been received as a member of this Classis and installed as pastor of the Church of Manhattan.

The following tabular statements were presented by the several Churches.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

That they have examined the reports from the several Churches and find them written in a cheerful, hopeful and thankful strain. A spirit of harmony prevails; the attendance upon ordinances has been encouraging; much good seed has been sown, and the attention of the Churches appears to be earnestly directed to the hills whence help cometh, even to the Lord which made Heaven and earth. Some of the Churches have been called to mourn on account of serious inroads; prominent members in greater numbers than usual having been cut down. In a few cases the losses by death and removal have exceeded the gains by certificate and confession; but, on the whole, we have been growing. The Church of Newburgh has been specially favored with additions to her membership. Contributions for home purposes have in general been satisfactory, and in some cases, for the general purposes of benevolence, have been increased. The Lord stir us up to greater faithfulness in this and every branch of Christian duty.

The statistical table furnishes the following items:

Gains by confession, 227, by certificate, 95, total, 322. Losses by death, 70, by dismission, 82, total, 152; net gains, 170.

The following Ministerial changes have occurred:

Rev. J. F. Shaw has been received from the Classis of Cayuga and installed over the Church of Lower Walpack.

Rev. W. E. Bogardus has been received from the Classis of Westchester and installed over the Church of Cuddebackville.

Rev. R. H. Beattie has been received from the Presbytery of Hudson and installed over the Church of Bloomingburgh.

Rev. W. H. Gleason has been received from the Presbytery of Long Island and installed over the Church of Newburgh.

The licentiate E. G. Ackerman has been received from the Classis of Paramus, ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed over the Church of Mamakating.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between the Church of Lower Walpack and Rev. A. McWilliam, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between the Church of Cuddebackville and the Rev. J. D. Zabriskie, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Albany.

Rev. William Eltrich has been received under the care of Classis and put upon probation with a view to his being admitted to full membership.

The pastoral relation between Rev. L. L. Comfort and the Church of New Hurley has been dissolved.

Rev. J. T. Demarest has been received from the Classis of Paramus and installed over the Church of New Prospect.

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. T. Demarest has been dissolved and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

Rev. G. W. Connitt has been formally deposed from the Gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. TALMAGE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion submit the following:

That reports have been received from all the Churches excepting Cold Spring, and First Poughkeepsie. The Church at Cold Spring, having been during the year without the stated preachin gof the Gospel, has, it is understood, been for some time closed. With this exception, all our Churches report the regular maintenance of

the usual means of grace, the ministration of the Word and ordinances by means of settled pastors, and the continuance and prosperity of the Sabbath-schools under their care.

The Church of Hyde Park reports additions to the membership at each communion season, and a prosperous Sabbath-school under an efficient and zealous superintendent, but no "extraordinary interest," and "deplores the coldness of many members."

The Church of Fishkill-on-Hudson reports the attendance on Sabbath services good, the prayer meetings well sustained, the Sabbath-school in a flourishing condition. "The chapel of Fioronda is still connected with our Church. Under the able and efficient ministry of Rev. A. Wyckoff the attendance is steadily increasing. Of late there have been several conversions and the interest appears to be increasing."

Rhinebeck reports, "special services during the Week of Prayer. The membership, to a great extent, were in attendance, and manifested a deep interest, and the Church was spiritually refreshed. Eight persons have made confession of their faith. This is an advance upon the preceding year, but our losses by death and dismission have exceeded our additions."

The Church of Glenham has "witnessed no special revival of grace, yet there has been evidently a growing interest in religious matters, seen in the increased attendance on public worship, and a marked improvement in the meetings for prayers, which, during the year, have been unusually well attended, and accompanied with great spiritual benefit."

Fishkill. "The religious interest, during the year, has been steady and apparently deep. There has been no special revival, nor any cause for discipline. The future seems very hopeful for the spiritual welfare of the Church."

The Church of New Hackensack, while presenting a discouraging record for the year past, as compared with the previous one, speaks of recent renewed indications of the Spirit's presence among them in one portion of their field, and also of additional grounds for encouragement in the fact that the people are taking a renewed interest in the temporal affairs of the Church, and have resolved to repair the house of worship."

Second Poughkeepsie. "We have had no outpouring of the

Spirit upon us, but a quickening of many of those who profess Christ. Several, who for a long time have been subjects of the striving of God's Spirit, have been led to confess Christ before men. Of this number are seven young men, who at one time united themselves with God's people. A young people's prayer meeting has been established and conducted with spirit and with good effect. A young lady, a member of the Church, for several years engaged in every good work, and with more than ordinary qualifications, has devoted herself to the cause of Foreign Missions, and expects to leave in May for Japan, her field of labor, under the auspices of the Woman's Union Mission."

Hopewell presents, "as compared with former years, but a meagre report. Additions to the Church have been less than any former year of the present pastorate." Beside this, the aggregate of membership has been decreased largely by an unusual number of deaths and removals. "At the same time," it is stated, "there has been an unusual number of conversions among those whose circumstances preclude their connecting themselves with the Church. Our hope is still in God and in the prevailing power of His Spirit and Word."

The Millbrook Church reports unusual temporal prosperity. The increasing congregations have made necessary an enlargement of the church accommodations to nearly double the former number of sittings. A new chapel has also been erected and dedicated during the year, at Mabbettsville, at a cost of $10,416 34. Six Sabbath-schools during the summer, and four during the winter months have been sustained. But the work of grace has not flourished in due proportion, and but few conversions, comparatively, have taken place.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports that "nothing of special interest has occurred with us during the year."

From a review of these reports, and the accompanying statistical returns, it is evident,

1. That the Gospel of Christ has been faithfully preached and taught, and the usual means of grace employed.

2. That no one of our Churches is able to report anything that may be called a revival of religion, or any extraordinary interest, and that in no particular, save the number of families, do they appear to have made an advance, The apparent increase in the amounts

contributed for congregational purposes, being largely owing to the defective report of the last year.

3. That, on the contrary, the past year has been one of comparative drouth and barrenness, and in some instances, even of retrogression. While there has been an increase of ninety-four in the number of families reported, there has been a decrease of sixty-one in the number of additions on confession, and on certificate, of thirty-one. The total membership shows a decrease of forty-one, as compared with last year.

4. That there are some signs of encouragement; enough to stimulate us to prayer and labor and faith.

5. That the great and absolute want of our Churches is the outpourings of God's Spirit; for which we have great need to humble ourselves before God and implore His grace.

The following ministerial changes have occurred:

The pastoral relation between Rev. J. Romeyn Berry and the Church of Fishkill-on-Hudson has been dissolved, and he dismissed to the Presbytery of ——

The pastoral relation between Rev. F. M. Kip and the Church of Fishkill has been dissolved, and he dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen.

Peter E. Kipp, licentiate, has been received from the Classis of Paramus, and ordained, and installed pastor of the Church of Fishkill.

Rev. Chas. W. Fritts has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed over the Church of Fishkill-on-Hudson.

The candidate Arthur Crosby was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel, and afterward dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. COBB, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The state of religion in the several Churches composing the Classis, will be best exhibited by first presenting express quotations from the individual reports.

Bronxville. The attendances upon the services of religion, for

our scattered population, has been good: Sabbath-school in a flourishing condition, no special revival to report. Received on confession, two.

Cortlandtown. A spiritual paralysis has been affecting this Church for a long time, and at the present, the symptoms of returning health are not such as to encourage hope. The Spirit of God is grieved, and we are desolate and dead. Received on confession, none.

Greenville. General attendance on the means of grace in the Church, Sabbath school, and prayer meeting, well sustained. Extra expenses for home purposes, have diminished contributions for benevolent objects. Lament that, while the form of godliness has been observed, there has been so little spirituality and zeal in the service of the Master. Received on confession, one.

Melrose. A state of peace and brotherly love, but no matter of interest. Received on confession, four.

Mount Vernon. Prosperous externally, the new edifice having been erected and enclosed, attendance full, benevolent contributions in excess of last year, but the prayer meetings are slenderly attended, the accessions small. Received on confession, one.

Peekskill. Has been without a pastor since November. Church harmonious, no special interest. Received on confession, three.

The First Church at Tarrytown reports only statistics, from which the Church would seem to be in a healthful state. Received on confession, nine.

Unionville. The house of God is for the most part well attended, the Church and congregation united, benevolent contributions a little in advance of previous year; but we are obliged to lament the absence of any spiritual influence, such as is manifested in the increasing godliness of professing Christians, and in the conversion of souls. Received on confession, one.

West Farms reports peace and harmony. Sabbath audiences much as usual. The spirit of benevolence has received greater development. Regret the low state of spiritual affairs. Received on confession, three.

White Plains. Has to lament a lack of high toned spirituality and devotion to the cause. Worldly pleasures prove a serious bar to progress in professors of religion, and thus retard ingatherings from the world. Received on confession, two.

Yonkers. The Church is growing and united, has experienced a special outpouring of the Spirit, attended by a large ingathering of souls. A large number of the membership are spiritually minded, and growing in grace. An unusual number of deaths have occurred among the me mbers, in most cases accompanied by a dear and delightful dying testimony. Received on confession, seven.

Hastings. Accessions have been greater than since its establishment. The Sunday-school keeps well up to its work. The Saw Mill River chapel has had larger congregations than ever before; its Sunday-school is particularly well attended. Received on confession, nine.

Greenburgh has moved onward in peace; the attendance very good; Sunday-school and Bible class largely attended.

Fordham reports outward prosperity; nothing special in religious matters. Received on confession, two.

Second Church of Tarrytown laments that there is not a deeper interest in religion. Received on confession, seven.

From these candid statements we derive facts for joy and lamentation: but more for lamentation, because the ways of Zion mourn, and so few come up to her solemn feasts. We rejoice that even one Church can testify to a special visitation from on high, and that a very few others have experienced a moderate increase. But it is painful to reflect that the great majority of the Classis have to report the hidings of God's face, the lack of spirituality, the low standard of religion, the worldly mindedness of professors, and the limited conquests of the Gospel over the unconverted. And in humility of spirit, we may well inquire as ministers and elders, are we doing all that we should do, to promote a better state of things? Worldly amusements have obtained a fearful sway in society. Christians have broken down the middle wall of partition, and given themselves up to indulgences which leave little between them and the world; are we not called on to take some more positive ground on this subject? Might not some new class of Bible truths and some new mode of presenting them, be more effective? Whatever the cause may be, we should seek its removal, that nothing may be wanting on our part, to secure the blessing of God.

The following are the ecclesiastical changes of the year. Dismissions have been granted to Rev. J. Meuri, to the Presbytery

of Brooklyn, N. Y., and to Rev. Ch. D. Buck, to the Classis of Bergen.

The Rev. L. H. Van Dyck has been received from the South Classis of Bergen and the Rev. George Windemuth from the [German] Reformed Classis of Sheboygan. Alphonso Wood has been received under care of Classis and licensed to preach.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Arcot	John Scudder.	38	11	8	3	1	1	50	5	18	27	....	74	R. A. P.	R. A. P.	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.
Five Out Stations		42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	35	748 0 0	....	" "
Arnee	John Scudder in charge.	8	4	2	42	2	..	56	7	4	.	....	12	11 15 0	....	" "
Five Out Stations	.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	20 9 6	... .	" "
Vellambi	"	17	5	..	..	..	..	31	3	3	6	...	15	9 18 2	... .	" "
Alliandal	"	20	10	4	6	1	...	28	10	6	18	...	20	5 12 6	. . .	" "
Modayur	"	7	...	2	2	..	...	15	1	...	2	...	....	6 7 4	....	" "
Martambadi	"	9	15	3	1	..	...	17	...	...	..	....	8	5 4 6	. ...	" "
Orattur with four Out Stations	"	41	9	32	..	..	...	41	4	10	28	...	29	39 10 8	.....	" "
Chittoor	J. W. Scudder.	39	7	5	1	..	...	70	10	.7	7	....	93	528 6 6	73 10 3	Chittoor,
Bommai Sumudram	Out stations of Chittoor	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	14	2 14 9	...	" "
Konaypalli	"	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	....	6	.....	.....	" "
Kottapalli	"	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	....	49	.....	.....	" "
Timsanpalli	"	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	....	....	.....	.....	" "
Coonoor	Zachariah John.	45	4	3	3	1	..	71	5	5	6	...	18	147 12 3	.....	Coonoor Neilgherries, Mad. Pres
Kotergherry, Out Station	"	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	0 0 9	.....	" " "
Gnanodayam	Andrew Sawyer.	17	1	6	6	...	...	57	4	3	2	...	23	7 8 10	.. ..	Granodiam,
Arunadu, Out Station	"	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	" "
Sittambadi	"	10	3	6	6	3	1	34	1	1	2	....	18	2 4 4	.....	" "
Paraiyantangal	"	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	7	.....	.. ..	" "
Sirutalapundi	"	7	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	7	.....	.....	" "

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R A. P.		
Mudnapilly	J. Chamberlain	21	1	1	...	1	...	16	5	...	11	...	15	319 6 3	.....	Mudnapilly
Palamanair	"	14	..	2	3	2	.	14	2	..	9	..	12	14 14 3	....	"
Arunodaya Out Station																
Vellore	W. W. Scudder	81	15	9	..	...	2	79	10	4	40	...	104	660 1 0	.....	Vellore,
Kattupadi	"	12	7	1	2	...	...	21	5	7	12	...	34	15 9 1	.....	"
Kundipatoor	"	11	1	2	.	...	1	20	1	.	15	.	15	12 1 2	.....	"
Sekedu	"	16	13	...	.	.	...	33	9	13	13	....	30	16 6 4	... .	"
Onrantangal	.....	7	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	13	.	14	4 2 0	.....	"
Vennanampalli	.....	9	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	15	....	13	4 14 9	.....	"
Karasamangalum	.....	7	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	29	...		.....	.....	"
	Total	568	106	91	80	11	5	660	82	81	397	...	*720	†2365 0 3	73 10 8	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. D. Scudder, Medical Missionary. Rev. Joseph Scudder, in America. Rev. E. C. Scudder, in America. Rev. S. Ettiesjoroo, Head Master of Arcot Seminary. Rev. J. Mayou.

* This report is for the *total* number of Scholars.

† 12 Pie make one Anna; 16 Annas, one Rupee; 1 Rupee, half Dollar, gold.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	John McC. Holmes	190	36	10	6	...	4	400	7	8	220	220	340	$2,945 82	$5,082 45	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	F. N. Zabriskie	140	4	3	3	...	3	172	5	1	125	100	175	1,127 58	2,500 ..	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	2	1	1	...	5	186	3	1	100	60	190	689 10	1,970 79	Mellenville, "
Linlithgo	T. S. Dusinberre	150	24	3	*11	...	3	220	9	4	25	56	165	154 85	1,580 ..	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	95	3	1	3	...	3	173	11	2	...	40	80	200 ..	1,232 .	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. D. W. Bodine	98	2	.	9	...	2	151	16	.	...	40	75	208 25	800 ..	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	80	6	.	4	...	1	101	...	...	.	....	60	106 79	973 58	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	70	4	3	...	...	3	92	1	1	.	....	...	116 ..	600 ..	Mount Ross, "
Taghkanic	John B Church.	75	...	...	...	...	2	127	1	1	23	16	107	45 ..	1,200 ..	West Copake, "
Livingston, Linlithgo	H R. Schermerhorn(S. S.)	54	3	14	...	...	...	17	.	...	.	....		. ...	686 ..	Linlithgo, Col. C., "
	Total	1142	89	35	47	...	31	1589	58	18	508	542	1192	$5,588 89	$16,528 77	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Edwin Holmes, (s. c.), Hudson. Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, and Rev. A. Mattice, Hudson. Rev. D. A. Jones, Claverack.

* Eight were dismissed to form the new Church, called, "The Livingston Reformed Church at Linlithgo."

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	Augustus Blauvelt	56	7	1	...	...	1	91	3	1	..	..	80	..	..	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	N. H. Van Arsdale	*150	8	...	8	1	5	133	18	5	75	100	150	$328 78	$1,665 98	High Falls,
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	120	21	2	7	..	..	136	9	8		84	160	99 47	1 063 88	Rifton Glen,
Guilford	Richard DeWitt	88	4	.	9	...	6	69	7	2	20	23	140	225 73	1,064 ..	Tuthill,
Hurley	J. F. Harris	62	6	2	1	1	...	123	7	..	50	40	65	341 08	759 65	Hurley,
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	11	...	...	...	6	113	10	4	40	35	60	176 02	703 60	"
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt	150	21	27	20	...	4	344	15	4	45	145	160	1,697 ..	8,500 ..	Kingston,
Marbletown	Wm. M. Brush	170	4	3	3	..	6	288	16	1	....	115	150	374 07	2,016 27	Stone Ridge,
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	281	17	10	8	..	9	411	18	...	195	161	258	1,058 22	1,627 48	New Paltz
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	150	2	15	5	...	2	150	16	1	75	75	150	151 81	649 32	Accord,
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	4	2	5	..	1	81	8	1	...	...	100	160 16	774 86	Rosendale,
Samsonville	Vacant	45	14	...	...	...	...	64	2	3	...	...	...	18 ..	226 50	Samsonville,
St. Remy	Vacant	87	1	...	2	...	...	43	..	1	25	20	50	8 75	110 81	Fly Mountain,
	Total	1434	120	62	68	2	40	2046	124	31	525	748	1528	$4,553 59	$14,891 25	

Minister without Charge.—James R. Lente, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y.

* Revised

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	*122	5	6	4	...	4	...	6	3	...	...	*120	$338 18	$2,570 65	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	120	13	6	5	...	4	176	7	4	168	215	170	506 72	5,024 23	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Vacant	157	9	2	...	...	1	129	9	5	45	138	131	177 61	3,585 68	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Vacant	70	1	5	...	...	3	75	5	...	...	...	70	68 01	1,879 51	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	325	2	7	5	...	3	424	13	1	400	500	500	...	...	Williamsburg, "
Astoria	W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.).	60	1	2	2	...	1	100	6	...	54	86	86	772 80	2,794 14	Astoria, "
Greenpoint	Alex. McKelvy	210	25	19	15	...	...	358	22	6	500	321	280	590 00	7,250 88	Greenpoint Br'klyn, E. D., L. I
Flushing	E. S. Fairchild	91	8	3	7	...	2	189	11	1	125	125	90	481 58	2,755	Flushing, L. I.
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	85	15	22	11	1	1	150	4	7	250	192	168	154	4,371 50	21 Grove St., " E. D., L. I
Lee Avenue	J. Halsted Carroll	340	75	43	6	...	2	550	13	17	360	810	..	345 16	12,959 65	24 Bedford Av. " " "
East Williamsburg	Vacant	30	...	...	2	...	1	20	1	...	25	50	75	379 65	400	Maspeth, L. I.
Queens	Vacant	70	12	1	1	...	2	90	...	1	135	100		136	2,904 85	Queens, "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	60	22	...	2	...	...	120	45	...	20	50	80	20	1,500	Astoria, "
Second Newtown	"	25	4	...	...	...	1	41	9	...	4	6	20	.... ..	170	" "
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	214	36	6	4	...	2	390	130	1	200	350	450	167 43	1,568 65	315 Graham Av., Br'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	L. G. Jongeneel	35	...	...	...	...	...	38	2	...	...	...	30	24 25	398 02	Sayville, L. I.
	Total	2014	228	122	64	1	27	2360	238	46	2286	2393	2270	$4,040 89	$50,125 76	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, 36 Vesey street New York. A. C. Hillman, 214 Ross street, Williamsburg, L. I., P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C. J. B. Alliger, Jamaica, L. I. Ira C. Boice, Paterson, N. J.

Candidates—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey street, New York.

* Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	BAP. Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball.	208	18	9	20	...	5	404	11	2	200		300	$12.465 59	$8.087 17	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells.	140	12	6	5	...	3	242	11	3	150	150	270	5.400 02	*3.000	Flatbush.
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen	95	11	..	6	...	4	201	10	...	100	120	170	1.241 24	2.350	New Utrecht
Gravesend.	Maurice G Hansen, (s.c.)	117	3	5	.	...	4	155	12	1	104	68	120	469 50	2.420 49	Gravesend,
Flatlands	Anson Dubois..	100	1	1	2	..	6	171	12	...	.....	25	177	1,500 81	2,152 17	Flatlands,
New Lots	John M. Van Beuren	70	1	.	3	...	1	123	9	...	80	80	40	457 15	2,200	East New York,
East New York.	C. R. Blauvelt	75	6	10	4	..	2	118	4	1	88	100	180	621 12	2.271	"
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	40	...	2	...	...	...	68	...	...	50	60	71	329 78	7.846 88	Brooklyn,
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	237	110	48	24	.	4	454	23	44	250	330	475	1.515 80	17.112 80	"
Twelfth street	N. P. Pierce	120	6	19	8	3	2	224	15	2	15	40	300	311 66	6.578	"
North Brooklyn	William T. Enyard.	319	12	10	1	...	7	555	10	2	320	375	480	1.825 50	6.700	"
Church on the Heights	Zachary Eddy	215	14	14	8	...	3	524	8	2	117	567	430	20.385 43	9.634 46	"
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	70	33	...	.	...	2	151	57	..	85	70	110	42	1.094 69	New Brooklyn,
East Brooklyn	Vacant	23	1	4	29	...	...	62	4	...		20	58	158 57	2,511 44	Brooklyn,
	Total	1829	228	123	110	8	43	3447	186	57	1559	1955	3165	$46,654 18	$78,908 45	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec. of Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey street, New York City. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Sec. of Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey street. Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, L. I. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. Alfred E. Myers, Missionary Pastor of Bethany Chapel, 184 Montague street, Brooklyn, L. I.

* This is the amount received from the congregation. The proceeds from invested funds are not included.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	BAP.: Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	C. & B. C.: Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	CONTRIBUTIONS: Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
	Thomas De Witt															55 East 9th St., New York.
	Thomas E. Vermilye															15 West 56th St., "
Collegiate, New York	Talbot W Chambers	570	74	58	88		21	1501	26	7			1925	$29,500		70 West 36th St., "
	James M. Ludlow															116 West 48th St., "
	William Ormiston															158 East 27th St., "
Thirty Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	810	19	19	89		18	560	19	6	125	225	220	2,477	$7,865	344 West 32d St., "
St. Paul's	Alex. R. Thompson,		6	2	8		2		8	2						320 West 30th St., "
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse		6	4	26		6	847	6	2	70	55	70	1,758 92		115 East 61st St., "
German Evan. Mission	Julius M. Geyer	180	75		14		5	550	48	1	50	800	500	8,334 16	4,075 70	82 Second St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	100	6		0			*70	8		93		98			316 West 52d St., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	179	6	15	13		6	*246	22	2	200	237	300	1,789 84		5 Hanson Pl. Harlem "
Mott Haven	H. Du Bois	150	11	13	2		1	192	11	5	200	200	275		3,000	Mott Haven, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	160	10	7	5		5	322	22	4		25	420	71,156	4,420 94	Port Richmond, "
Richmond, S. I	J. H. Sinclair	25	8		2		1	47	1				75	20 17	448 45	Richmond, "
Ch. of the Huguenots, S. I.	H. B. Stryker	35	2	1				37	1		28	30	70	61 59	640 68	South Side, S. I.
Fourth German	John H. Oerter.	92	11		2		1	192	20		21	84	80	102 04	4,402 14	252 West 40th St., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	79	5	14	2		2	152	15		218	218	169	618 07	2,802 79	231 East 86th St., "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	10	14	2			77	2		14			16	600	245 West 20th St., "
South New York	E. P. Rogers	200	16	10	12		8	466	28	5			710	10,351 87	13,500	42 West 27th St., "
South New Haven, Ct.	H. Branch	155	8	9	5		2	167	5	3	225		188	507 02	2,045 76	New Haven, Ct.
Brookfield, † Ct		85						88			10		45			
	Total	2870	268	166	165		68	4959	237	87	1249	1819	5180	$51,681 68	$43,296 46	

Ministers without Charge—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D. 108 E. 12th St. Chas. Whitehead, Chaplain City Hospital. Jno. Forsyth, D.D., Newburgh, N. Y. N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South 5th St., Wm'sburg, N. Y. T. B. Gregory, Bergen Point, N. J. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. B. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors.—W. H. Clark, (s. c.) 7th Av., Cor. 54th St. J. H. Bertholf, 160 W. 29th, St. W. H. De Hart, Knox Memo. Chapel, 9th Av., near 38th St. Leonard W. Kip, Missionary to China. A. K. Van Nest, Missionary at Florence. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan.

† Report of last year. * Revised List.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brighton Heights	Thomas G. Watson	75	25	7	7	...	4	210	18	3	200	80	160	$214 64	$3,823	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	108	9	1	26	...	4	224	10	2	125	16	125	2,382	6,955	New York City.
Manhattan	Lawrence P. Cummings	37	7	4	3	...	2	55	3	...	184	20	184	150	1,600	New York City.
Hushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. c.)	63	11	2	7	...	4	238	39	8	50	30	170	320	2,850	Williamsburg, L. I.
Union Ref. 6th Avenue	Julius L. Danner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	240	40	6	...	...	5	488	12	1	45	60	500	869	2,600	New York City.
	Total	523	92	20	43	...	19	1165	167	14	604	156	1139	$3,435 64	$17,828	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Macauley. Rev, H, B. Timlow.
Candidate—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburg, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP. Infants	Adults	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	57	6	2	...	...	1	58	7	...	...	12	40	.....	$860	Walden, N. Y
Bloomingburgh	R. H. Beattie	100	...	6	5	...	4	181	5	...	74	28	102	$79 91	1,766	Bloomingburg, "
Callicoon	Wm. Eltrich, S. S.	50	24	2	14	...	3	149	26	2	14	60	80	8	344 50	Callicoon, "
Claryville	W. E. Turner, S. S.	25	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	....	100	.....	.....	Claryville, "
Cuddebackville	W. E. Bogardus.	16	1	...	1	...	3	43	1	1	76	...	46	48 50	832 05	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	S. W. Mills	155	9	14	...	...	5	215	3	6	50	....	165	1,656	3,800	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley, (s. c.)	100	10	4	9	...	3	246	2	2	12	12	210	426 96	3,228 95	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	100	...	5	1	...	2	96	10	...	10	35	80	287 36	900	Woodbourne, "
Fremont	Wm. Eltrich, S. S	46	17	1	...	...	2	96	12	3	14	10	.....	.....	125	Fremont Center, "
Grahamville	W. E. Turner.	50	...	2	1	...	...	109	5	...	....	....	81	.....	.....	Grahamville, "
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	3	2	...	...	2	110	17	...	....	....	60	17	607	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	E. G. Ackerman	70	1	1	...	...	2	65	6	...	20	6	50	.....	.....	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	Vacant	40	1	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	40	....	....	50	500	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt.	175	9	2	8	...	8	315	7	3	100	140	....	1,092	1,810 86	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	W. H. Gleason	225	53	34	6	...	8	350	15	20	210	50	215	1,047 37	6,805	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	Vacant	110	8	1	3	...	4	185	13	2	90	75	150	262 81	1,130	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	Vacant.	80	4	3	5	...	1	131	8	...	....	80	....	29 10	820	Ulsterville, "
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding.	175	9	2	7	...	10	251	8	4	75	90	130	369	1,107 68	Bruynswick, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker.	100	10	6	8	...	8	190	7	2	100	80	125	400	1,900	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Vacant.	....	...	...	...	...	1	29	...	...	....	....	....	.....	663	Shawangunk, "
Walpack (Upper)	G. S. Garretson	68	6	2	2	...	1	78	..	3	20	120	20	120	825	Bushkille, Pa.
Walpack (Lower)	J. F. Shaw.	110	12	2	2	...	4	159	7	2	80	80	145	98 65	1,028	Dingman's Bridge, "
Wawarsing	J. R. Talmage	120	4	6	6	...	2	185	14	2	50	75	150	84	1,250	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2037	187	97	84	...	74	3245	168	52	587	805	1949	$33,665 16	$2,9697 54	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John A. Staats, Goshen, N Y. Rev. C. Scott, Holland, Mich. Rev N. W. Jones. Rev. H. Morris, Binghampton, N. Y Rev. Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, N. Y. Rev. L. L. Comfort, Glasgow, Scotland. Rev. R. Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa.

CLASSES OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	190	11	10	9		5	411	5	1	198	350	233	$2,050 24	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	C. S. Hageman	130	10	7	2		1	262	8	7	90	90	120	4 097 80	$3,132 70	"
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	85	5	2	1		4	150	1	2	94	12	65	359 86	2,118	Fishkill,
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	130	8	...	12		9	268	3	1	50	70	130	570 70	1,800	Hopewell Junction,
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	1	3	3	...	4	148	3	.	50	60	175	424 84	1.150	New Hackensack,
Rhinebeck	G. Talmage	135	8	1	8	1	8	288	2	2	106	86	70	728 70	2,639 18	Rhinebeck,
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W Fritts	100	4	4	4	...	...	181	3	1	...	200	150	600	2,465	Fishkill-on-Hudson,
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	7	4	3	...	4	169	3	1	...	60	55	151 84	1,400	Hyde Park,
Glenham	A. N. Wyckoff	45	4	...	4	...	2	61	2	1	40	55	55	330 17	1,800	Glenham,
Cold Spring	Vacant	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	....	....	.....	.....	Cold Spring,
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb A. P. Stockwell*	107	10	4	7	1	1	102	3	2	...	22	150	443 81	18,371 97	Washington P. O. " Hollow
	Total	1117	68	35	48	2	38	2040	34	18	623	1005	1208	$9,765 96	$34,376 85	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. H Vedder, Greenbush Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A Cornell, Poughkeepsie, Rev, C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev, Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck,

* In charge of Bloomvale Chapel.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	50	2	1			2	57				80	70	$191 44		
Cortlandtown	John Garretson	48			1		1	40	5					33 58	$444 55	Montrose, N. Y.
Fordham	William Brush	55	2	2				64	2		30	30	62	200	8,180	Fordham,
Greenburg	Vacant	30		3	1			30				12	20			Neperan,
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	82	1	4	1		2	68		1	12	10	40	68 18	1,890 80	Scarsdale,
Hastings	Thos. R. G. Peck	101	9	10	6		1	143		8		230	170	1,086 99	3,237 56	Hastings-on-Hudson,
Melrose	G. Windemuth	52	4		3		2	96	6		18	27	85			Morrisania,
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s.c)	78	1	9	12			124	14		88	133	109	363 60	7,933 54	Mount Vernon,
Peekskill	J. Searle*	56	3		1		2	100		2	126	96	66	133 24	1,446 58	Peekskill,
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	110	9	16	1		4	226	7		150	170	120	873	3,200	Tarrytown,
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	7	15	10		6	298	3				105	1,634 25	4,211 45	Tarrytown,
Unionville	Vacant	55	1	2	5		3	58			15	15	30	81 52	800	Neperan,
West Farms	Evert Van Slyke	72	3	2	1		1	80	3	1		100	80	200	1,884 78	West Farms,
White Plains	Victor M. Hulbert	57	2	3	3		1	78	6	1	25	30	35			White Plains,
Yonkers	David Cole	129	27	5	8	4	9	213	13	8	302	198	192	3,562 71	8,648 18	Yonkers,
	Total	1025	71	72	58	4	34	1665	59	16	766	1181	1181	$8,428 46	$41,377 48	

Ministers without Charge—L. H. Van Dyck, Neperan, N. Y. Jacob Fehrmann, Queensburg, N. Y. Polhemus Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y.

Candidates—Alexander Watson, Agent, N. Y. B. S., Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. *Pastor elect.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR 1871.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools, Average Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Arcot	19	12	..	568	106	91	660	82	81	397	.....	720	$1,488	$40	Ezekiel C. Scudder.
Classis of Hudson	10	14	..	1142	89	85	1569	58	18	508	542	1192	5,588 39	16,528 77	Edwin Holmes.
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1434	120	62	2046	124	31	525	748	1523	4,558 59	14,891 25	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	16	19	1	2014	228	122	2860	283	46	2256	2893	2270	4,040 89	50,125 76	William H. Ten Eyck
South " "	14	18	..	1829	228	123	3447	186	57	1559	1955	3176	46,654 18	73,908 45	Maurice G. Hansen.
Classis of New York	17	33	..	2370	268	166	4959	237	37	1249	1319	5180	51,681 68	48,296 46	William H. Clark.
South Classis of New York	6	9	1	523	92	20	1165	167	14	604	156	1139	3,485 64	17,828	S. H Meeker.
Classis of Orange	23	26	..	2087	187	97	3245	188	52	585	805	1949	33,665 16	29,697 54	Edward W. Bentley.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	17	..	1117	68	85	2040	84	18	628	1005	1208	9,765 96	34,876 85	Charles S. Hageman.
Classis of Westchester	15	15	2	1025	71	72	1665	59	16	766	1181	1181	8,428 46	41,877 48	Manclus H. Hutton.
Total	144	173	4	14059	1452	823	23676	1408	370	9047	10554	19583	$169,251 90	$321,565 56	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes report that the Minutes of all the Classes, excepting Arcot, have been examined by them. They find that all are carefully and regularly kept, excepting that the South Classis of New York gives no record of the asking of the Constitutional questions.

In all the other Classes these questions are answered as follows:

Classis of Kingston, the second was answered negatively by the Churches of Clove, Bloomingdale, Hurley and Marbletown.

Classis of Westchester, the second negatively by the Churches of Bronxville, Cortland, Greenburg, First Tarrytown, Second Tarrytown and West Farms.

Classis of North Long Island, all negatively, excepting the Churches of Jamaica, Oyster Bay, Second Astoria and Sayville.

Classis of South Long Island, all affirmatively.

Classis of Hudson, the second negatively by the Churches of Hudson, Claverack, Linlithgo, Germantown, Upper Red Hook and Greenbush.

Classis of Orange, the second negatively by the Churches of Deerpark, Ellenville, Grahamville, Kerhonkson, Mamakating, New Hurley, Walden and Upper Walpack.

Classis of Poughkeepsie, the second negatively by the Churches of Hopewell, Millbrook and second Poughkeepsie.

Classis of New York, the second negatively by the Church of Harlem and the Northwest Church; the third and sixth negatively by the Church of Richmond, and the fourth negatively by the Church of Staten Island.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY WARD,
J. DUBOIS,
WM. SEWARD,
} *Committee.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

An appeal of Rev. G. W. Connitt, from the sentence of the Classis of Orange, deposing him from the ministry, was received and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A complaint by Rev. John A. Todd against an act of the Classis of Westchester was received and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

An appeal of Rev. John A. Todd, the counsel of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney, from a decision of the Classis of Westchester in her case, was received and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The committee reported as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report on the various papers referred to them. These are,

1. An application from the North Reformed Church of Brooklyn to be transferred from the South Classis of Long Island to the South Classis of New York.

Your Committee would recommend that the application be granted.

2. The Report of the Rev. J. McC. Holmes, Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of Hudson, and of the Rev. Isaac Riley, Deputatus of the Classis of New York. Your committee would recommend that the conduct of the Deputati be approved, and that the paper appended to the report of Mr. Riley, be referred to the next General Synod, for such action as its wisdom may suggest on the important subject of which it treats.

3. The papers connected with the appeal of Mr. G. W. Connitt, from the sentence of the Classis of Orange, deposing him from the Ministry. As the appellant has not appeared in person, nor has given any reason for his absence, your committee would recommend that the case be dismissed.

4. The papers relating to the case of Mrs. Augusta C. McKinney. The case is essentially the same as that which was brought before the last Particular Synod, but it has meanwhile assumed some new features which the papers will explain. These are

(1) A complaint by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Todd as her counsel, against the Classis of Westchester for their act authorizing the Consistory of the Church of Peekskill to proceed to her excommunication, while her case was sub-judice, by virtue of an appeal taken by her, in accordance, as she supposed, with the decision of the last Particular Synod.

(2) An appeal of the Rev. Dr. J. A. Todd as her counsel, from the decision of the Classis of Westchester, refusing to entertain her appeal from the action of the Consistory of Peekskill suspending her from church privileges.

As the complaint and the appeal are orderly as to form, your committee would recommend that they be heard according to the rules applicable to judicial cases. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. FORSYTH, *Chairman.*

The report was accepted and adopted.

The complaint and the appeal were then taken up for consideration.

On motion it was resolved that Rev. David Cole be recognized as Commissioner of the Classis of Westchester.

The President announced that the Synod was about to enter upon Judicial Business, as a Court of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The sentence appealed from was read.

The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

All the documents in the case were read.

The appellant was heard by her counsel, Rev. John A. Todd.

The Classis of Westchester was heard by its Commissioner, Rev. David Cole.

The appellant was heard in reply by her counsel Rev. John A.

ERRATUM.—Between fifth and sixth line from bottom, page 43, read:

"The following motion was then made, and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this resolution, it was unanimously decided in the negative."

Resolved, That the decision in the above appeal is wholly based upon the Constitutional ground that the time of appeal had elapsed, before notice of appeal was given, and that upon the merits of the case the Synod expresses no opinion.

It was resolved that the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to furnish to the parties in the case an official copy of these resolutions.

It was resolved that in case an appeal be taken from the above decisions, Rev. John Forsyth be appointed the commissioner, *Primarius*, and Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, *Secundus*, to defend the action of the Synod.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, chairman of a committee appointed at the session of Particular Synod last year, to prepare an order of devotional exercises, presented the following, which was accepted, the several recommendations being adopted seriatim.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to report "in reference to an appropriate order of devotional exercises," would respectfully submit the following Report.

In the judgement of your Committee, it is desirable that more time should be given to devotional exercises and the free interchange of thought on personal piety, and its progress and promotion, than has

been the custom of Synod heretofore. Yet we are mindful of the inconveniences attending protracted sessions, and the natural anxiety of the members of Synod to return to their homes, as soon as may be, after transacting the necessary business. We are not prepared therefore, to recommend the adoption of any order, which contemplates an extension of the sessions of Synod beyond the second day, and it seems prudent also, that it should be so arranged, as to leave wholly within the control of the Synod the time for its own adjournment. In view of all the requirements of the case, your committee would recommend the following order.

1. Immediately after the opening of Synod, and the calling of the roll, the Synod will spend half an hour in devotional exercises, under the direction of the retiring President.

2. The Synodical sermon shall be preached in the afternoon or evening of the first day, as the Synod shall determine, on consultation with the Pastor and Consistory of the Church, in which the service is held.

3. The first half hour of the morning session of the second day, shall be spent in devotional exercises.

4. The classical reports on the state of religion shall be a special order, for a designated hour of the second day, when the reports shall be read, and one hour given to a free conversation, and such devotional exercises as the President may direct.

Your Committee do not include in this order of exercises the celebration of the Lord's Supper, believing that the profitable observance of that ordinance supposes a previous preparation of mind and heart, which the ordinary routine of business is not particularly calculated to promote. There is, however, no reason why the Synod may not, at any time, when it shall seem to be desirable, devote a portion of its time to the observance of this sacred ordinance. The Committee however are not prepared to recommend its observance, as a standing rule of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. VAN ZANDT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STRICT EXAMINATIONS.

The following reports were received from Deputati Synodi, approved, and ordered printed:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

I have the honor to report that, as Deputatus Synodi, I attended a meeting of the Classis of Westchester, Nov. 7, 1870, when Rev. G. Windemuth, an ordained minister in connection with the North West Synod of the German Reformed Church, applied to be received by Classis. The applicant presented the proper authenticated certificate of membership and dismissal, and was examined as to his "theological attainments, his piety, soundness in the faith and ability to teach" and gave his entire assent to the "standards of our Church."

The examination was well sustained, and the applicant was received as a member of the Classis on signing the formula.

I have also to report that I attended a meeting of the Classis of Westchester, on the 13th of June, 1870.

Mr. Alphonso Wood applied for license to preach.

According to the Constitution Ch. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2, a person shall be entitled to examination for licensure before Classis, only after having been "admitted into one of the Theological schools, and, during the prosecution of his studies there, shall be subject to the rules and regulations thereof; and when he shall have completed the prescribed course and term of theological studies, shall be admitted to an examination according to the regulations of the schools as established by General Synod, and if found qualified, shall receive a professorial certificate to that effect, which shall entitle him to an examination for licensure before the Classis to which he belongs."

In accordance with this requirement of the Constitution, I asked

for the professorial certificate. The candidate stated that he had not attended our Theological school, and had no certificate. I then asked for a dispensation from General Synod, releasing the candidate from this requirement of the Constitution, and was informed that none had been obtained. Then, as neither the demands of the Constitution nor the long established custom of the Church had been complied with, following the Constitution (Ch. 2, Art. 4, Sec. 4), I advised the Classis not to proceed to the examination or licensure. The Classis, after discussion, courteously decided by a formal vote, to disregard the advice of the Deputatus.

On proceeding to the examination, it appeared that the candidate had attended the Theological course at Andover for one year, and that he had received a license to preach from a Congregational Council, which license, according to the custom of the Council, expired at the end of a year. This license he has not sought to have renewed. And further, that he had been engaged, for a number of years, as Principal of an Academy, and that he had, during that time, conducted the religious services in the school and given regular Biblical or religious instruction, and had made some study of Theology. In the examination in Hebrew, the candidate stated that he had studied Hebrew while at Andover, but that he had not kept up his acquaintance with the language, and consequently could not sustain an examination.

The remainder of the examination, in "Greek, Bib. Literature, composition and method of sermonizing, knowledge in Theology, orthodoxy, his piety, and views in desiring to become a preacher of the Gospel" was satisfactorily sustained.

The candidate then subscribed the formula and received the license.

ISAAC RILEY.

Note. I have taken the liberty to add to this report some statements concerning this matter of dispensations, hoping, that when the condition of this subject is seen by the Synod, some action may be taken, seeking to fit the Constitution to the evident needs of the Church, and settle the question of the relative powers of Synod and Classis.

I. RILEY.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi, for the Classis of Hudson, respectfully reports that he attended, by request, a meeting of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, held in the Second Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, on Thursday, May 12th, 1870, for the purpose of examining Mr. Arthur Crosby, with a view to his licensure. Mr. Crosby had spent but two years in Theological study, but presented a professorial certificate from Union Theological Seminary, to the effect that he had pursued the course of instruction prescribed by that Institution. On the strength of this certificate he was admitted to examination by the Classis. Your Deputatus objected to the action thus taken, 1. Because Mr. Crosby had not spent the time prescribed by the Constitution in Theological study. 2. Because he had not presented such a professorial certificate as by the provisions of the Constitution entitled him to examination before the Classis. 3. Because he had not obtained, from the General Synod, a dispensation covering the above failures to comply with the requirements of our ecclesiastical polity.

Your Deputatus, in presenting these objections to the Classis, read from the Constitution and Digest, the law of the Church in reference to the case; but his objections were overruled, and Mr. Crosby was examined for licensure. The examination was conducted in the several departments prescribed by the Constitution, and was indifferently sustained. At its conclusion however, the Classis resolved to license Mr. Crosby to preach the Gospel, and the usual certificate was given him.

JOHN McCLELLAN HOLMES.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that at a meeting of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, held at Fishkill, N. Y., on July 12, 1870, to examine the candidate Peter E. Kipp for ordination, he was present and superintended the proceedings as *Deputatus Synodi*. The examination was in all respects satisfactory.

JOHN TODD.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned respectfully reports that, on the 28th of June, 1870, he attended a meeting of the Classis of Orange, when Rev

W. H. Gleason was examined and received from the Presbytery of Long Island, and admitted as a member of Classis.

The examination was faithfully conducted and satisfactorily sustained.

On the 25th of July, 1870, he attended a meeting of the Classis of Hudson, when the candidate John B. Church was examined for ordination. The examination was properly conducted and wel sustained.

P. PELTZ,

Deputatus Synodi, Classis of Kingston.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of Kingston, respectfully reports that he was present at a meeting of the Classis of Orange, held at Wurtsboro, May 17th, 1870, at which Rev. R. H. Beattie, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, was examined in view of being received by Classis, and installed pastor of the Church of Bloomingburgh.

The examination was constitutionally conducted, and satisfactorily sustained.

J. F. HARRIS.

Hurley, Ulster Co. *June* 22, 1870.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi from the North Classis of Long Island, respectfully reports that he was present in the First Reformed Church of Brooklyn, at the following examinations by the South Classis of Long Island, viz: on the 13th day of June, 1870, of the candidate for ordination, Charles F. C. Suckow. On the 27th day of June, 1870, of the candidate for licensure, Alfred E. Myers. On the 27th day of September, 1870, in the Reformed Church of Flatbush, of the candidate, Alfred E. Myers, for ordination.

All the examinations were conducted as the Constitution requires, with "strictness, propriety and justice," and were satisfactorily sustained.

W. H. TEN EYCK.

Astoria, L. I. *Sept.* 28, 1870.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he attended a meeting of the Classis of Hudson, Feb. 14, 1871, when the candidate Henry V. S. Myers was examined for ordination. The examination was in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and was satisfactorily sustained.

HENRY DATER,

Dep. Syn. of the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he was present, as Deputatus Synodi of the South Classis of New York, at a meeting of the New York Classis, held Dec. 13, 1870. At said meeting, the Rev. Chas. H. H. Wolff was received from the Presbytery of Cayuga. The action of the Classis was in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Church, and the examination of the brother satisfactorily sustained.

J. L. DANNER.

New York, *April*, 24, 1871.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned respectfully reports that he was present, as Deputatus Synodi for the South Classis of New York, at a meeting of the New York Classis, held July 25, 1870, when the Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., was received as a member of that Classis from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada. The action of the Classis was in conformity with the Constitution of the Church.

J. L. DANNER.

New York, *April*, 24, 1871.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Primarius, Rev. T. S. Dusinberre; *Secundus*, Rev. G. D. W. Bodine.

Classis of Kingston.—Primarius, Rev. C. H. Stitt; *Secundus*, Rev. Philip Peltz.

North Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, Rev. J. B. Alliger; *Secundus*, Rev. Charles I. Shepard.

South Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, Rev. D. S. Sutphen; *Secundus*, Rev. E. P. Ingersoll.

Classis of Orange.—Primarius, Rev. A. B. Van Zandt; *Secundus*, Rev. C. Spaulding.

Classis of New York.—Primarius, Rev. Isaac Riley; *Secundus*, Rev. H. D. Ganse.

South Classis of New York.—Primarius, Rev. J. L. Danner; *Secundus*, Rev. Mancius S. Hutton.

Classis of Poughkeepsie —Primarius, Rev. H. Ward; *Secundus*, Rev. A. N. Wyckoff.

Classis of Westchester.—Primarius, Rev. David Cole; *Secundus*, Rev. E. Van Slyke.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be extended to the Rev. E. S. Fairchild, to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Flushing, and to the inhabitants of Flushing for their kindness in entertaining the Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and accounts which were received, and referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

in Account with THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1870	**Dr.**		
May 30	To Cash paid Jeremiah Clark, Door Keeper to Synod	$ 10	
Oct 8	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes... ...	142	25
" "	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for Stationery.....	2	30
1871			
Apl 13	Cash paid Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, salary as Stated Clerk.	50	
" "	Cash paid Rev. Maurice G. Hansen, for travelling expenses on account of Printing....	2	85
" "	Cash paid for Expressage on Records		60
" "	Cash paid for postage.....	1	88
May 2	Balance due Synod to new account....	198	38
		$408	26
1870	**Cr.**		
May 3	By Cash from old account.....	$99	26
" "	Rev. L. L. Comfort, Questor Classis of Orange.....	22	
Oct 4	" Wm. H. Clark, Questor Classis of New York. ..	45	
" 8	" L. L. Comfort, Questor Classes of Orange....	51	
" 13	" Augustus Blauvelt, Questor Classis of Kingston...	25	
" 19	" S. H. Meeker, Questor South Classis of New York.	14	
Nov 5	Mr. R. B. Shepard, Questor Classis of Hudson.	22	
" 25	Rev. Joseph Kimball, Questor South Classis Long Island	36	
1871			
Apl 5	" E. Van Slyke, Questor Classis of Westchester.....	34	
" 17	Mr. Wm. Ferris, Questor North Classis of Long Island	39	
" 28	Rev. C. S. Hageman, Questor Classis of Poughkeepsie.	21	
		$408	26

The Committee reported as follows:

The Committee on the Questorate respectfully report that they have examined the Questor's account with the vouchers and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and ninety eight dollars and thirty-eight cents ($198 38).

G. H. MANDEVILLE, *Chairman.*

Flushing, May 2, 1871

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Joseph Scudder.

From Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. D. W. Bodine,	Elder J. W. Ten Broeck,
" T. S. Dusinberre,	" R. Gardner,
" J. S. Himrod,	" A. Hallenbeck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn,	Elder J. Hover,
" A. J. Sobring,	" R. S. Simmons,
" J. McC. Holmes,	" R. B. Shepherds.

From Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. F. Harris,	Elder J. P. Ten Eyck,
" M. F. Liebenau,	" J. Auchmoody,
" P. Peltz,	" J. Hasbrouck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Paul T. Deyo,	Elder W. Smith,
" W. W. Brush,	" J. Cantine,
" N. H. Van Arsdale,	" W. H. Krom.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck,	Elder R. Baurer,
" E. S. Porter,	" W. Ferris,
" C. I. Shepard,	" J. D. Fowler.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke,	Elder J. S. Van Nostrand,
" G. D. Hulst,	" J. Suydam,
" E. S. Fairchild,	" B. S. Holt.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. P. Ingersoll,	Elder J. Debevoise,
" N. P. Pierce,	" G. G. Bergen,
" J. M. Van Beuren,	" P. Lott,

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. H. Manning,	Elder M. Bergen,
" J. West,	" J. D. Neefus,
" M. G. Hansen,	" H. R. Wyckoff.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. M. Ludlow,	Elder J. Anderson,
" D. McL. Quackenbush,	" H. Camerden, Jr.,
" J. Forsyth,	" S. B. Schieffelin.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. Ormiston,	Elder J. Sturges,
" H. D. Ganse,	" H. Van Arsdale,
" E. Van Aken,	" S. Sloan.

From South Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. M. S. Hutton,	Elder W. E. Lawrence,
" J. B. Steele,	" C. E. Moore,
" S. H. Meeker,	" J. R. Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. G. Watson,	Elder R H. Bull,
" J. L. Danner,	" M. McLeod,
" L. P. Cummings,	" F. Nollman.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. S. Garretson,	Elder J. I. Thorne, Jr.,
" W. S. Brower,	" J. Lawson,
" C. Spaulding,	" N. C. Clark.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. W. Mills,	Elder A. Strong,
" W. H. Gleason,	" D. W. Rapalye,
" E. G. Ackerman,	" W. J. Bradley.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell,	Elder B. F. Pond,
" C. Van Cleef,	" H. D. Varick,
" S. Van Vechten,	" H. B. Rosa.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. S. Hageman,	Elder G. W. Candee,
" H. Dater,	" C. J. Todd,
" O. E. Cobb,	" J. P. Flagler.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. Van Slyke,	Elder J. A. Van Tassel,
" D. Cole,	" J. S. Van Court,
" J. Fehrman,	" S. W. Devoe.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. Roosevelt,	Elder J. Storm,
" G. Windemuth,	" J. A. Valentine,
" P. Van Wyck,	" A. F. Vermilye.

ARTICLE XXIV.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Rev. V. M. Hurlbert was appointed to attend the sessions of the Particular Synod of Albany, in May, 1872. Rev. David Cole was appointed to attend the sessions of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in May, 1872. Rev. G. H. Mandeville was appointed to correspond with the Particular Synod of Chicago.

ARTICLE XXV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held in the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, N. Y. on the first Tuesday of May, 1872, at 10 A. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved and Synod adjourned with prayer.

G. TALMAGE, *President*,
J. H. CARROLL, *Adsessor*,
T. S. DUSINBERRE, } *Clerks.*
T. G. WATSON, }

A true copy:

MAURICE G. HANSEN, *Stated Clerk.*

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT, IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF RHINEBECK, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1872, AT A QUARTER BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK, AND ADJOURNED ON WEDNESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the last President, Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D. The sermon before Synod, at the request of the retiring President, was preached on the evening of the first day by Rev. W. Ormiston, D. D., from Rom. 15; 29: "And I am sure that when I come unto you I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Rev. Joseph Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. H. V. S. Meyers, Rev. D. W. B. Wyckoff, Rev. P. Van Wyck. *Elders* R'd Ham, Thos. Elmendorf.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, D.D., Rev. S. P. M. Hastings. *Elders* M. Schoonmaker, D. S. Schoonmaker, Peter Crispell, M.D., Philip Dumund.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. J. M. Wagner, Rev. C. I. Shepard, Rev. M. Swick, Rev. Thos. Nichols. *Elders* Z. Shaffer, A. S. Van Bergen.

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, Rev. J. V. Griswold, Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D. *Elders* J. R. Bennett, George Poole, George Kouwenhoven.

Classis of New York.—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., Rev. W. Ormiston, D.D., Rev. J. W. Geyer. *Elders* Alex. Knox, A. C. Wood, H. Camerden, Jr.

South Classis of New York.—Rev. W. T. Enyard. *Elder* George S. Little.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, Rev. E. W. Bentley, Rev. R. H. Beattie. *Elder* Wm. Shafer.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. P. E. Kipp, Rev. C. W. Fritz. *Elders* S. Southard, P. L. Van Houten, C. J. Todd.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. John Garretson, D.D., Rev. M. H. Hutton. *Elder* J. B. Gregory.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., was elected *President;* Rev. E. W. Bentley was elected *Adsessor;* Revs. H. V. S. Meyers and M. H. Hutton were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session of the Synod and the Van Benschoten Bequest were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. C. I. Shepard, J. Scudder. *Elder* Thos Elmendorf.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. P. Van Wyck, W. T. Enyard. *Elder* Geo. S. Little.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. A. Du Bois, M. V. Schoonmaker. *Elder* P. J. Van Houten.

On the Questorate.—Revs. J. M. Wagner, P. E. Kipp. *Elder* H. Camerden, Jr.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. W. Ormiston, C. H. Stitt. *Elder* Alex. Knox.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from Rev. M. G. Hansen, the Stated Clerk.

COXSACKIE, N. Y., May 6, 1872.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned having been installed Pastor over the First Reformed Church of Coxsackie, N. Y., and thus having been transferred from this Synod to the Particular Synod of Albany, hereby respectfully tenders his resignation of the office of the Stated Clerkship.

MAURICE G. HANSEN.

The resignation was accepted, and Synod proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk. Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., was elected.

Rev. Dr. Ormiston presented the action of the Classis of New York in relation to the union of the two Classes of that city. Referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report, that they find on page 263, Minutes of General Synod for 1871, that the Particular Synod of New York was commended for referring to General Synod a paper appended to the report of one of its deputati, and censured for neglect of duty for suffering a serious violation of the Constitution, by two of the Classes within its jurisdiction, to pass without rebuke.

By resolution, the Particular Synod is directed "To require all the Classes within its bounds to conduct all examinations according to the requirements of the Constitution."

Your Committee also find, pp. 277 and 278, Minutes of 1871, that General Synod declared the "proposed changes of the Constitution in regard to the constitution and powers of Particular Synods, p. 633 Minutes, 1869," adopted, by the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the amendments to the Constitution approved by the Classes be declared to be a part of the Constitution of the Church."

The amendments referred to are the following:

First, "The amendment of Chapter II., Article IV., Section I., of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in such a manner as that it shall read as follows, viz: 'Every Particular Synod shall comprehend a certain number of Classes, to be designated by the General Synod, and shall consist of a delegation of four ministers and four elders from every Classis within its bounds, and nine ministers and nine elders, when regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except those Synods

which shall consist of not more than five Classes, in which case six ministers and six elders shall form a quorum.'"

Second, "The amendment of Chapter II., Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, by inserting after the phrase, 'enjoys the same privilege,' the language 'except that the Particular Synod shall be a court of final appeal for all causes that have, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, been tried originally in the Consistory, unless as many members of the Particular Synod as there are Classes composing said Synod shall, within ten days after the adjournment of the same, file with the President of the Particular Synod, a certificate to the effect that in their judgment any cause originating in the consistory which has been reviewed by Particular Synod, is a proper case for the action of General Synod, in which case an appeal may be taken to the higher judicatory.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. I. SHEPHERD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, CHICAGO, AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Copies of the Minutes of each of these Synods were received and laid on the table.

ARTCLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee have examined, so far as time would admit, the Reports of the Classes placed in their hand, all except Arcot, and would express their approbation of the clear and legible character

of said reports. They are in *s. e.*, concise, and yet sufficiently full, giving a just statement of the condition of the Churches reported. As most of these reports have been drawn up with a view to publication, your Committee would recommend that these reports take their usual course, and be incorporated with the printed Minutes of Synod.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Hudson beg leave to present the following:

The Church of Hudson reports that the last year has been one of blessing. The temporal affairs of the Church have never been in a more prosperous condition. The Sabbath congregations have been large and attentive. The weekly services have been regularly and successfully maintained. In spiritual things the past year has been one of health and growth. Eleven have been received on confession of their faith in Christ, and eleven by certificate. In point of benevolence the Church has made a great advance over any previous year. The Sabbath-school continues its career of efficiency and success. In summing up the record of the past year we have reason to thank God and take courage.

First Church of Claverack. No report.

Second Claverack. This Church has been anxiously looking for an outpouring of God's Spirit. There have been indications of His presence, manifested by large and attentive congregations, and an evident seriousness among the impenitent. Yet the blessing tarries. We mourn that so few have been added to the Church.

The evening services in the village of Philmont have been well attended. We feel that the Lord has laid a great work at our door in the rapid influx of population to that village. We have taken initiatory steps for the erection of a commodious lecture room. The Church has maintained its usual activity in the matter of benevolence, and has also raised the debt incurred in rebuilding their house of worship.

Linlithgo reports unusual prosperity temporally and spiritually While there has been no remarkable manifestation of the Divine

presence, yet the Lord has been with us to save them that believe. Twelve have been added to the Church on confession of their faith in Christ. The Sabbath-school has been large, and maintained through the winter with encouraging results. The Church has manifested an increased spirit of liberality. Thankful for the past, we are looking forward to greater prosperity and usefulness in the future.

Greenport. With devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church, we recall the goodness of God during the past year While there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, yet the stated services of the sanctuary have been blessed to the conversion of souls, and to the development of the Church in activity and spirituality. Ten have been received on confession. A more careful attention has been given to Sabbath-school instruction. In benevolence the Church reports a steady and healthy development.

Germantown. This Church reports a year of activity in things both spiritual and temporal. Nineteen have been added to the Church on confession of their faith, and a number of others have, we trust, been hopefully converted. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Greenbush. By the grace of God the past year has been rich in blessing to this Church. Although but four have been received on confession of their faith, yet many, we trust, are standing at the door of the kingdom, and some are inquirers for the path of holiness. The Church has largely increased her contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, while for congregational uses the contributions are increased fourfold over the last report.

The Livingston Church at Linlithgo reports that for another year they have enjoyed the privileges connected with the regular administration of the ordinances of God's house. The Sabbath services have been well attended. A prayer meeting (held bi-weekly) has been instituted and well sustained. A number have professed faith in Christ, and many of God's people have been revived. This Church is looking forward to the settlement of a pastor during the coming year, and, with this end in view, are now raising funds for the erection of a parsonage.

Taghkanic rejoices in the large attendance on the stated means of grace, and an increased spirit of liberality. A spirit of prayer

was manifest during the winter, and, in answer to prayer, over thirty were led to acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour, eight of whom have confessed Him before men by uniting with the Church. We are expecting to receive twenty-seven at next communion. There is a deep interest manifested in the Sabbath-school. On the part of Christians there is a growth in grace and a development of Christian activity that is specially gratifying.

Upper Red Hook reports the universal prevalence of harmony and charity. Great activity has prevailed, as manifested in the erection of a new house of worship, which we hope soon to consecrate as a centennial offering to the Lord. Still, we have not been debarred the privilege of enjoying the stated means of grace. But in all this good, upon all this blessing, there is a shadow. God has not given us our hearts' desire in seeing many souls brought to Christ. We are looking and longing for a blessing which still tarries.

These extracts from the several reports placed in our hands show that the Classis have reason to be encouraged. In accessions and the development of spirituality and liberality the Churches have exceeded the average of the last four years. The following changes have taken place: The pastoral relation between Rev. F. N. Zabriskie, D.D., and the First Church of Claverack has been dissolved, and he dismissed to the Congregational Church of Saybrook, Connecticut. The Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck has been received from the Classis of Westchester. With heartfelt sorrow your Committee record the removal by death of Rev. David A. Jones, of Claverack.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. W. BODINE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports, that a review of the past year furnishes abundant evidence of the faithfulness of God to his people. There is nothing of a discouraging nature, but much to inspire hope and courage.

The Church of Clove reports that, "With the Week of Prayer began an unusual religious interest, which continued unabated through a series of meetings for seven weeks, resulting, thus far,

in an addition to the Church, by profession, of eighteen persons. Many more are anxiously inquiring, and it is hoped that at the next communion an equal number will profess their faith in Christ. The payment of the debt on the parsonage is provided for. The various auxiliaries to the Church are in a flourishing condition. Benevolent contributions are in excess of past years."

The Church of Dashville Falls reports a healthy condition, but no special religious interest.

The Churches of Hurley and North Marbletown do not report any special spiritual prosperity. The congregation of Hurley have thoroughly repaired and re-painted their church edifice at an expense of about one thousand dollars.

The Second Church of Kingston reports that for some time before the Week of Prayer there were hopeful indications of the Spirit's presence, and when the year opened meetings were never before so large or so full of interest. Ten have united with the Church on profession of faith; others are either hoping or secretly inquiring the way. The Sabbath-school is unusually flourishing, and a mission school has been successfully organized. Arrangements are making for a Centennial effort.

The Church of New Paltz reports no special spiritual prosperity, though there have been many good fruits from the usual means of grace. The aggregate collections for benevolent purposes have been larger than heretofore reported. Arrangements have been perfected for the enlargement and thorough repair of the church edifice and the construction of a lecture room.

The Church of Rochester reports harmony and usual prosperity, but no special manifestation of the power of the Spirit in the conversion of sinners. The Church has been called to mourn the removal of an unusual number of its members by death. Special mention is made of the death of the Elders John B. Van Louven and John S. Krom. Benevolent contributions are in excess of last year.

The Churches of Guilford and Marbletown have become vacant during the year, but hope soon to have settled pastors.

The Churches of Bloomingdale and St. Remy are statedly supplied with preaching.

The following changes have taken place, viz:

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Richard De Witt and the Church of Guilford, and of the Rev. W. W. Brush and the Church of Marbletown, have been dissolved.

The Rev. Richard De Witt has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

M. N. Oliver, a graduate of the Theological Seminary, was licensed to preach the gospel, and recommended to the care of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. M. HASTINGS, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report, that they have examined the reports presented to them with pleasure and gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

Jamaica reports: A quiet, healthy, and steady growth in the membership of the Church, and though not blessed with a marked revival, the Spirit of Grace has worked upon the minds of many with unwonted power, and a goodly number have been led to profess themselves followers of the Lord Jesus Christ We think a deep spiritual interest pervades the congregation, which may betoken an approaching revival of unusual power. The attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary and the weekly services has increased.

In temporal aspects, also, the Church is in a flourishing condition. Repairs and improvements have been made upon the church building, and the burdensome debt has been wiped out. Thus relieved from home fetters, we are now enabled to do more for the cause of the Master abroad.

Newtown reports: The past year with us has been one of more than usual prosperity. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst has been manifested by the conversion of a larger number in the given time than in many years past, twenty-nine having professed their faith in Jesus, eighteen of whom were baptized, and others are awakened, and are not far from the kingdom.

The Sabbath-schools of the Church are in a flourishing condition, some of the teachers and some of the scholars being among those who have lately united with the Church. The Church school has

also raised two hundred dollars for our mission school at Winfield.

Our contributions for benevolence show a great improvement; one of our brethren has, by a noble gift, founded a scholarship for young men studying for the ministry.

There is also a good prospect for extending the Church in the bounds of our congregation.

Oyster Bay reports: That they find occasion both for sadness and thanksgiving. This having been a year of changes, the former pastor, J. L. Smock, was called away. and the present pastor was installed in June last.

The new organization at Locust Valley has sprung from this Church, and has taken a number of our families. Death has also removed to the Church above some of our best members, one being Elder G. Mitchell, our delegate to Classis. The services both at Brookville and Jericho were, however, well sustained; the Lord has not left us without the tokens of His love and blessing, a goodly number being added to the Church. Pleasing changes and improvements have also been made upon our church building, and a floating debt has been paid. Mention is also made of a glorious Centenary meeting.

North Hempstead reports: That they were without a pastor till June last, when the candidate, Wm. E. Davis, was ordained and installed pastor over this branch of our Zion. This Church had somewhat suffered through vacancy, but has now become established upon a different and stronger basis. Thus far God has blessed us, fifteen new born souls have been received, and the work of grace is still going on.

Williamsburgh reports: As we look over the events of the past year we find much that should invite us to sincere gratitude for the unmerited mercies.

As a Church and congregation we have enjoyed temporal prosperity. There has been harmony and unity of effort on the part of all to decrease the existing debt on the church, and the prospect of a largely diminished debt cheers and encourages us.

We have been permitted to enjoy the continued labors of our beloved pastor, who has, by the blessing of God, been spared through many years to break the Bread of Life to this Church.

The services are well attended, and the weekly lecture and prayer meeting have been well sustained. Our Sabbath-school is in a prosperous state, and our mission school has been continued with success. Though not blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we have had abundant evidence of the Divine blessing upon us. A few have been added to our number, and we trust that there are many who are not far from the kingdom of Christ.

Astoria reports: The Lord has blessed us; the accessions to the Church have not been large, but of such a character as to give cause for gratitude and praise. The attendance upon the means of grace has been uniformly good. The Sabbath school is in a good condition. The people have liberally responded to the calls for benevolence; the centennial contributions have exceeded our expectations. A new organ has been secured, and the church debt paid. Peace and harmony prevail, and we look to the future with hope that our covenant God has spiritual blessings in store for us. The burden of our prayer is that the Holy Spirit may be poured upon the congregation.

Greenpoint reports: We have nothing special to report. The Sabbath services, the weekly prayer meetings and lecture, have been well attended, and very frequently with considerable interest. Harmony and peace have prevailed. Yet we have not been favored with any special work of grace, and our accessions from the world have been fewer than for the last few years. We have, however, reason to be hopeful.

Our Sabbath-school is in a flourishing condition, and we are looking forward to a large growth when Providence permits us to enter our new Sabbath-school building.

Flushing reports: While we do not lament any decadence spiritually, we are hoping for better things. The Sabbath-school continues to be an earnest means of grace to the Church, from which accessions are being made to the Church.

South Bushwick reports: Nothing to boast of, but still much to be grateful for; the means of grace have been well attended. We are much encouraged by an increased attendance at the Sabbath-school and on the church services, to labor on patiently and trustfully.

Our temporal affairs are more encouraging; provision for the

payment of our church debt has been made, and a heavy load removed. This practical faith made manifest, we look anxiously to the future for the benediction of the Church's Head.

Lee Avenue: No report.

East Williamsburgh reports: Rev. Wm. Ferris has supplied our pulpit during the past year with great satisfaction to the people. There is a good feeling existing among the people, and we hope some day, by the blessing of God, our sanctuary will be filled to overflowing with earnest worshipers.

Queens reports: The Church of Queens was vacant during one-half of the year just closed, but in the interval the pulpit was regularly supplied, and the congregation was well held together. The services during the past six months have been well maintained, and the word preached has been received with serious attention. There are some signs of a quickened interest in religious things.

Second Newtown reports: We have now great hopes for the future. Our pastor being enabled to visit us more frequently, with God's help, we shall be built up again.

Second Astoria reports: We are very glad to report that our Church is prospering; nineteen members have been added, our meetings are well attended, and a great deal of interest is manifested.

Sayville reports: Although without a pastor, we have regular meetings on the Sabbath, once a month preaching, and on the other Sabbaths one of our elders reads a printed sermon.

German Evangelical, of Brooklyn, E. D., reports: The Lord has been very gracious to us during the past year. He has greatly blessed us both spiritually and temporally; even His visitations in death have proved blessings in disguise. We have lost by death and removal some of our best members, but others have been added who will, with God's help, in time become good and faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. No remarkable cases of conversion have occurred, but the gospel leaven is working silently and effectually in the hearts of our people.

Our debt is now paid. With tears of joy and songs of praise we raise our Ebenezer; grateful for the mercies of the past, we enter hopefully upon the future. The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want; to Him be all the praise!

Locust Valley reports: We have no settled pastor yet, but we hold faithfully together, and have thus far had regular services and the administration of the Lord's Supper. We are not left without a witness that the Lord is with us; two have united with us, and some others stand ready to do so at our next communion. We hope also soon to have a pastor who shall break the Bread of Life to us.

Two new Churches have been organized, one at Locust Valley, the other at College Point.

The licentiate, Wm. E. Davis, has been received from the Classis of Schenectady, examined, ordained, and installed over the Church at North Hempstead. The Rev. M. Swick has been received from the Classis of Geneva and installed over the Church of Oyster Bay. The Rev. Thos. Nichols has been received from the Presbytery of Hudson, and installed over the Church of Queens.

Tne pastoral relation between the Rev. L. G. Jongeneel and the Church of Sayville, and the Rev. J. H. Carrol and the Church of Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D., has been dissolved, and the Rev. J. H. Carrol has been dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

Mr. Vernon B. Carroll has been licensed to preach the gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Raritan.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

We are unable to report any special work of grace in any of our Churches during the past year. While we mourn over this fact, and feel called upon to humble ourselves before God and pray more earnestly for His Holy Spirit, we are grateful for some conversions of souls in all the Churches of our body. The numbers who have united, on confession of their faith, make an aggregate of 175, and all of the churches, except one, report such additions, the average number being twelve and a half per church.

Here we see cause for encouragement, and an evidence that God is faithful and will not forsake us, but will hear prayer and bless gospel labors.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout our bounds; a commendable degree of interest is felt in the benevolent enterprises of our own beloved Church, and of other evangelical churches. The cause of Sabbath-school instruction receives a large share of attention, and deservedly; for no Christian Church can devote too much care and labor upon the young in an age when pernicious error and sinful sentiments lurk in every path. The cause of Temperance, so important to communities and churches, has received a certain share of encouragement which might well become more general among us.

The Centennial year of our General Synod has been honored by special services in our churches, and with several centennial meetings, which we hope have been productive of good. Important and interesting information has been scattered among the people, and something done in the way of contribution toward the various objects set forth by the Centennial Committee. We fear that too much effort has been expended on purely local interests. The good effects of such efforts will doubtless reach the general cause, but not so directly as could have been wished.

The Church of East New York has repaired and beautified the church edifice at considerable expense.

Flatbush has erected a chapel of unique architectural design, and highly ornate and elegant finish, for the use of the Sabbath-school and for evening services. They have also placed upon their shelves a very valuable Sabbath-school library, and their arrangements and organization for the Sabbath-school work is as nearly perfect as they have been able, by much study and care, to make them. They have also contributed very handsomely toward the Centennial funds of the Church.

The Church of Middle Brooklyn reports a large accession by confession and certificate, a most interesting Sunday morning prayer meeting, and a very delightful and prosperous state of religious feeling. As might be supposed, their temporal affairs are assuming a hopeful aspect. The Lord has greatly blessed them.

The Church of New Brooklyn reports the largest accession by confession during the year. The spiritual condition of the Church is prosperous. The house of worship is often full of hearers. The temporal affairs are encouraging.

East Brooklyn has begun lately to show the approaching fulfillment of the prophecy: "All things shall become new." Their place of worship has become too straightened for them, and they have determined to "arise and build." A house of God and a house for the minister, the two outward essentials of church prosperity, are in progress of erection, and soon, it is hoped, "the feeble among us will become as David," while their temporal prosperity is but an index of their spiritual condition.

The Church of Flatlands have added galleries to the place of worship, beside putting the whole house in the most complete and beautiful state of repair and refurnish, so that now not only is the capacity of their church increased, but its comfort and beauty greatly improved.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Rev. M. G. Hansen has been dismissed to the Classis of Greene, and Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., to the Congregation Association, Suffolk North, Mass. Rev. John V. Griswold has been received from the Presbytery of Hudson as Missionary of the Bethany Chapel; Rev. J. H. Carroll, D.D., from the North Classis of Long Island, and installed pastor of the Church of East Brooklyn; and Rev. A. P. Stockwell, from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed pastor of the Church of Gravesend.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. DU BOIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The annual Report of the Churches of the Classis of New York speaks with great unanimity of the continuance of a spirit of peace and harmony in all our congregations, of regular and devout attendance upon all the services of the sanctuary, of faithful and successful labor in Sunday-schools and Bible classes, of regular contributions to the cause of Christian benevolence, and, in fine, to the continuance of our general church life and work. It is true that no special cases of religious interest have been reported in the churches, no powerful and general outpouring of the Holy Spirit has been witnessed, such as have been recorded in other days. Yet the

preaching of the doctrines of the gospel in their purity and power for another year has not been without its fruits; Christians have been edifie', God has been honored in the proclamations of His truth, and some precious souls have been converted to Christ. Many youthful minds have been instructed in the pure truths of the gospel and in the standards of the Church; and the history of the year, though far from being all that we could desire, has enough of mercy to demand our gratitude to God, and to inspire us with hope for the future.

The Church of New York reports an increase of attendance in all their congregations, especially in the Twenty-ninth Street Church, and in the Mission Chapel in Twenty-ninth Street. There are also at the present time encouraging tokens of a special presence of the Holy Spirit, especially in the mission chapels. From all sources 142 members have been added and 70 have been lost, leaving a gain of 72.

Thirty-fourth Street Church reports that its Sabbath services have been continued regularly, that the Sabbath-School has increased in numbers and interest. The Church has lost thirty-two members and added thirty-four, leaving a gain of *two*.

St. Paul's reports that it has sold its church building, and is worshiping in the chapel of Rutgers Female College. It also reports a "constant growth in spiritual life, a quiet harvesting of precious souls, and an evident deepening of interest in the work of the Lord and His Church.

Madison Avenue reports an encouraging attendance in the new church and in the Sabbath-school, and a small increase of members both by confession and certificate. Many new houses are building in the vicinity of the church, and the Consistory are confident of early and rapid growth.

The German Evangelical Church reports that the Church is in a healthy state, and that peace and harmony have prevailed in the congregation, and that they have good reason to thank God for His presence and blessing.

Members received, 51; lost, 21; increase, 30

Bloomingdale reports "continuous indications of Divine favor, but nothing of special interest." Have received 10, and lost 3 by death.

Harlem reports that "the spiritual state of the Church has shown a decided advance," that 25 members have been added and 21 lost, leaving a gain of 4.

Mott Haven reports harmony, and, to some extent, prosperity, an addition of 14 new members and a loss of 5, leaving a gain of 9.

Staten Island reports a larger accession of new members than for many years, and the tone of its whole report is decidedly cheerful and encouraging. 31 new members added; 11 lost; gain 20.

Richmond reports that the attendance on the regular Sabbath services has been about up to its usual standard, and that the condition of its Sabbath-schools is encouraging. 2 members added, 4 lost.

Church of the Huguenots.

Fourth German Church reports that the basement of their new church is completed, and that it is occupied by an increased congregation, but that their means are exhausted, and that the prospects of the completion of their church building are not encouraging. 15 members added; 1 lost; gain 14.

Prospect Hill reports that though it has suffered from difficulties, principally from the ill health of the pastor, yet no great loss has resulted. 4 new members; 8 lost.

The Holland Church reports itself still homeless, but is hopeful and earnest. 14 members added; lost 2.

The South Church reports nothing worthy of special notice, except a great improvement in their church edifice, and a large contribution towards the erection of a mission chapel.

South New Haven feels keenly the indifference of the Classis, but has brighter hopes than at any time since the settlement of the present pastor. 5 new members, 5 lost, and 1 suspended.

Brookfield reports that though she "is little among the thousands of Judah," yet a little one may become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation, and asks $600 from the Board of Domestic Missions for the current year.

Thus the record of another year is closed. Thus the Churches give an account of their stewardship. There is much to inspire gratitude. There is much to awaken repentance. Let all address themselves to the work of the coming year, remembering that there

is so much less time in which to labor for the kingdom of our Lord on earth, so much less time in which to ripen for heaven.

The following is the record of changes in the Classis during the past year:

Rev. W. H. De Hart has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. Jno. B. Thompson, D.D., from the Classis of Westchester; Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., from the Classis of Rensselaer; Rev. A. H. Bechtold, from the Classis of Paramus. Dismissed:—Rev. Jno. B. Thompson, D.D., to the Classis of Amsterdam, Hol.; Rev. S. W. Roe to the Classis of Schoharie. Died:—Rev. T. B. Gregory and Rev. H. B. Stryker.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee appointed to prepare the classical Report submitted the following, which was read and adopted, viz:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following Report:

Returns have been received from the following Churches, viz: Church of Brighton Heights; Church on Washington Square; Church of Manhattan; Church of Bushwick; Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue; German Reformed Church, Norfolk Street; and the Church of North Brooklyn. The most of our Churches report a gratifying increase and an encouraging degree of religious interest. The following extracts will show more definitely the condition of these Churches.

The Church of Bushwick reports that the past year has been one of peace; that they have been favored with an improved attendance upon the ministrations of the sanctuary, and the word preached has been made effectual to the increase of the number of those in communion.

The German Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, say the past year has been the most important in their history. They are for the first time self-sustaining. The gospel has been preached from Sabbath to Sabbath and during the week, and many souls impressed. The meetings were crowded with Sunday-school scholars

and the labors and prayers of teachers and friends have not been in vain in the Lord. The hearts of God's people have been moved to make large and liberal contributions to the home missions of the Church, and especially the sufferers of the West.

The Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, report the manifested blessing of the great Head of the Church. The preaching of the word has been accompanied by the power of the Spirit. While there has been no great revival, there has been a high degree of spiritual life; the membership have been earnest in prayer and labor. As many as forty-three have been added to the Church, on confession of faith, the past year.

The North Church of Brooklyn say that they have special reason for thankfulness. At the last communion twenty-four were received on confession, twenty-six more are hopefully converted, and a blessed work of revival is now going on.

Rev. Thomas G. Watson has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Milwaukee. Rev. W. T. Enyard has been received from the South Classis of Long Island, and Rev. Henry Mattice from the Classis of Paramus.

W. T. ENYARD,
J. L. DANNER,
H. A. FRIEDEL,

Committee.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on State of Religion for the Classis of Orange reported, and their report was accepted and adopted:

The Churches have been very generally favored with evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. In a number of them special meetings were held succeeding the Week of Prayer, the fruits of which have appeared in the revived religious interest of the membership, and in the ingathering of converts. The Churches in the German field of Sullivan County, and those of Ellenville, Fallsburgh, Newburgh, and Shawangunk, have received marked tokens of the Divine Presence.

The benevolent contributions of the Churches show a gratifying increase, much of which will be necessarily absorbed by local de-

mands, yet the Church Boards will not be forgotten in these centennial offerings.

The Classis is called to mourn the death of Austin Strong, Esq., for forty years an active member of the Church of Fallsburgh, and who has often served as a delegate in classical and synodical gatherings.

The following ministerial changes have occurred:

Rev. B. C. Lippincott has been received from the Classis of Paramus and installed over the Church of Wallkill Valley.

Rev. J. S. Rogers has been received from the Classis of Geneva and installed over the Church of Deerpark.

Rev. R. H. Beattie has been dismissed from the Church of Bloomingburgh and installed over the Church of New Hurley.

Rev. Wm. Elterich, late of the Presbytery of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, having undergone a two years' probation under the oversight of the Classis, has been examined and received as a member of Classis, and arrangements made for his installation over the German Churches of Callicoon, Jeffersonville, Fremont, and North Branch.

Rev. Wm. E. Turner has been dismissed from the Church of Grahamville, and arrangements made for his installation over the Church of Minnisink.

Among the German settlements in Calicoon and vicinity, a wide door of usefulness is opened, and we have reason to believe that God has raised up one well qualified, by his zeal and acquirements, to do the needed work.

(Signed) W. H. GLEASON.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from all the Churches except that of Cold Spring.

In the main the reports from all the Churches breathe a cheerful and hopeful spirit, while some review the year with gratitude and praise for special blessings. It is true that there have not been any great ingatherings, but while some have been more than usually blessed, none have been without some tokens of the Divine Presence. And when we note the peace and harmony which so

generally prevail, and that the public services have been regularly maintained, the prospects for the future are certainly encouraging.

Social meetings for prayer have been well attended; some of them with more than ordinary interest.

The Sabbath-schools are in a flourishing condition, and Biblical instruction is also receiving its due share of attention.

Yet such have been the inroads by deaths and removals during the year, that in some of the churches where the accessions have been encouraging, the losses have exceeded the gains. On this account the aggregate increase of membership has not been large.

In several churches contributions for home purposes have been greatly increased, owing to extensive repairs of church property. In some instances the collections for benevolent objects have been largely in excess of last year. In addition to these, the special needs which the great calamities which befell some portions of our country, called forth a noble response from some of our churches, while at the same time the centennial fund has received some share of liberality.

Upon the whole there seems to be no reason why the churches composing this Classis should not thank God and take courage.

The chapels at Bloomvale and Mabbettsville, under the care of the Church of Millbrook, and the one at Tioronda enjoying the ministry of Rev. Joseph Scudder, of Glenham, give encouraging reports.

The Church of Cold Spring, so far as we know, has been without the stated preaching of the gospel during the entire year.

The ministerial changes have been greater than usual.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Glenham and Rev. A. N. Wyckoff has been dissolved, Mr. Wyckoff having gone abroad.

The pastoral relation between the Second Church of Poughkeepsie and Rev. C. S. Hageman, D.D., has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Goyn Talmage and the Church of Rhinebeck has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Millbrook and Rev.

A. P. Stockwell has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island.

C. VAN CLEEF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully state that reports have been received from all the Churches except those of Cortlandtown and Hastings.

From these reports we give the following extracts:

1st. Fordham. "The Consistory of the Church of Fordham regret that they have nothing of special interest to report as to the spiritual condition of their Church. The communion of the Church has, indeed, received larger accessions the past year than usual. But only one has been added from the world. Yet would we not be unmindful of 'the good hand of our God upon us,' in blessing us in many other respects. The Word and ordinances have continued to be regularly preached and observed. A weekly prayer meeting has been sustained with scarcely an omission by a faithful few. Our Sabbath-school continues an important auxiliary to our Church in increasing the attendance on the preached Word and in contributions to 'religious and benevolent purposes.' The financial state of the Church is good. Unity and peace prevail in the Church and congregation. The pastor is encouraged in his labors, believing that they will not be in vain in the Lord."

2d. Greenville. The Consistory say: "In regard to the state of religion we have but little to report, and that not of a very encouraging nature. The Sabbath-school has been kept up through the winter with a good deal of interest. The weekly prayer meeting has been unusually well attended, and at times has been marked by deep seriousness among the people of God, as well as by some awakening among the impenitent. But there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, leading to a general revival in the Church, and to the ingathering of souls from the world, as we hoped there would be. What we especially need is more spirituality in the Church, and more willingness to work for Christ on the part of His people." Three have been received into this Church on the confession of their faith.

3d. Melrose. The Consistory say: "We find we have occasion both for sorrowing and rejoicing; yet, on the whole, we cannot cease from praising the Lord for His merciful kindness toward us. Have received on confession 14 adults, and 13 youths from 12 to 15 years of age. We are greatly encouraged with the prospect of our Sabbath-school. The House of God is for the most part well attended on the Sabbath. Our Church and congregation are united."

4th. Mount Vernon. The report from this Church states that the attendance upon the services of the Church is good; the Sabbath-school is in a flourishing state. There have been received on confession 10, on certificate 8. This congregation expects to enter its new church building at some time in the next month.

5th. Peekskill. This Church thus reports: "The past has been a year of encouragement to this Church. Some manifestations of the Spirit's presence have been seen, and it has been our joy to receive to the communion a number who have long been prominently identified with the congregation. There has been no time in the year when there has not been one or more inquirers for the way of life. In temporal matters we have been prospered above our most sanguine expectations. The benevolent contributions are larger in the aggregate than in some former years." The additions to this Church are, on confession 11, by certificate 2.

6th. First Church of Tarrytown. This Church "feels that it has some reason to be cheered and encouraged. While there have been no marked manifestations of the presence of the Spirit of God, yet tokens of life have not been wanting. The Church has grown steadily in a natural and healthy way. No communion season has passed without some additions to the Church. No *large* additions have been made to our numbers—eleven by confession and sixteen by certificate, making a total of twenty-seven—yet we find much to encourage us in the state of feeling prevailing. We have built, during the year, a neat and commodious lecture room and Sabbath school room, and we have paid for it. Our extra efforts have not caused our benevolent contributions to fall short. The outlook into the future is encouraging, and it is our prayer that our spiritual may keep pace with our temporal prosperity."

7th. Unionville. The Consistory of this Church say: "We are

unable to report anything more than the usual state of things. The means of grace have been statedly employed, but the heavens have not poured forth a rain of grace, and no plants of righteousness have sprung up to the praise of God's grace. The benevolent collections which have been taken are considerably in advance of those of the preceding year, and in regard to the temporal interests of the congregation, we have nothing of which to complain."

8th. West Farms. The Consistory "have nothing of special interest to report. The prayer meetings, especially since the Week of Prayer, have been well attended, and at times there has evidently been more than an ordinary degree of the Holy Spirit's influence. Our Sabbath-school is the most encouraging department of our work, and we trust there are some among our young people who are now under deep religious impressions. The past year has not, however, been one of ingathering, as only one has been received on confession of faith," and one has united by certificate.

9th. White Plains. The Consistory of this Church, after giving a detailed statement of the difficulties with which they have been obliged to contend, and after stating the reasons why they have not availed themselves of the permission given by Classis to organize a new Church at White Plains, report as follows: "As a natural result of so serious a convulsion, the cause of religion has languished, and we have to lament the arrest that has thus been put upon the progress of the cause. We are happy to say, however, that a more kindly spirit seems apparent, and we are hoping that the expulsive power of Christian love to God and man will prepare the way for better things. Although we have nothing of a cheering nature to say, as to conversions from the world during the past year, yet we are happy in bearing witness to the deepening piety of some and the increased attention of others, furnishing the hope that we shall still see greater things to make our hearts glad and promote the glory of God."

10th. Yonkers. By *particular request* the Committee insert the whole of the report of this Consistory. "We record, with deep gratitude, continued peace and united feeling among our people. Many of the flock are earnestly devoted to spiritual things. Eleven have been added on profession. There has been no specially revived feeling, except as it has appeared in the growing spirit of

benevolence. The contributions this year have amounted to $2,404 16, nearly twice the highest sum ever given in a year by the general congregation before. (The large amount reported last year included an individual contribution of $2,500 for a scholarship in the Board of Education). The people have also manifested their spirit this year in the purchase of a new and very beautiful parsonage, which, in addition to the amount secured from the sale of the former residence of the pastor, necessitated the immediate raising of $3,200. The freeness of this people in giving grows each year, and gives lively promise of a time not far off when they will be ready to build a new church edifice, and to put our organization in Yonkers upon a more solid foundation. We have every encouragement in the spirit of our people, and in the healthful condition of our temporal affairs. All we long for that we have not is a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a deeper work of convicting and sanctifying grace. Brethren, let us earnestly pray that all our churches may be greatly refreshed from the presence of the Lord."

11th. Bronxville. "There has been no special revival in the Church of Bronxville the past year. Our Sabbath services, however, have been well attended, and the congregations solemn and attentive. We have also a very interesting Sabbath-school, and quite large for the neighborhood. It makes quite a congregation of itself, and we are about to erect a separate building for its accommodation at a cost of about $3000." A weekly prayer meeting and the monthly concert are also sustained.

12th. Greenburg. The Consistory say: "This Church has not been for many years in so flourishing a condition. A new parsonage adjoining the house of worship has been erected and furnished." Other repairs have been made, and a new church edifice is talked of. "The people are united, earnest, and active in every Christian enterprise. The size of the congregation is triple what it was two years ago. While there has been no marked religious awakening (only two having united with the Church during the year on the profession of faith), there has yet been a noticeable and increasing interest, exhibited in the extraordinary attention with which the Word of God is received, and in the deep solemnity of many of our services.

13th. Tarrytown Second. This Church thus reports: "The prayer meetings during the fall and winter have been unusually well attended, and unusually warm and earnest in the spirit that pervaded them. Quite an interest was awakened by the union meetings of the Week of Prayer, and a series of congregational prayer meetings was held for several weeks after, in which Christians were greatly revived, and a number hopefully converted. Some of these, we expect, will make public profession at our next communion."

14th. Hustings-upon-Hudson. The number of accessions to the Church the past year has been greater than at any time since it has organized. The contributions for benevolent purposes this year are much larger than the last year. The weekly meetings are better attended. There is considerable seriousness prevailing among our young people, which we hope will ripen into something permanent.

The following are the changes wihch have taken place within our bounds during the past year:

The Rev. Jeremiah Searle has been received from the Classis of Albany and installed pastor of the Church of Peekskill. Rev. L. H. Van Dyck has been installed pastor of the Church of Unionville. Rev. Geo. N. Snyder has been received from the Presbytery of New York, and ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Greenburg. Rev. Evert Van Slyck has been dismissed to the Classis of Albany. Rev. John Simonson has been received from the Classis of Raritan and installed pastor of the Church of West Farms. The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. John Garretson, D.D., and the Church of Cortlandtown has been dissolved. The Rev. P. Van Wyck has been dismissed to the Classis of Hudson, and the Rev. J. Fehrmann to the Classis of Raritan. The Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D., was received from the Classis of Ulster, and subsequently dismissed to that of "Amsterdam, Holland, or any other." The Rev. W. W. Rand was received from the Classis of Cayuga.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. VAN DYCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R. A. P.	R. A. P	
Arcot, incldg. 5 out stations	John Scudder	78	4	10	8	...	2	68	15	20	62	..	127	797 8 0	17 8 0	Arcot, Madras Presidency Ind
Arnee, " 4 "	E. C. Scudder	38	2	6	1	..	.	52	5	...	12	....	43	80 7 0	... ...	Arnee "
Vellambi	"	18	6	....	..	..	...	37	9	4	2	..	15	9 11 10	.....	" "
Modalyur	"	5	..	..	..	...	...	10	2	...	1	..	8	6 8 0		" "
Marituvambadi	"	10	.	..	..	...	...	17	6	2	6	..	8	12 8 0		" "
Alliandal	"	16	1	..	..	...	...	29	....	1	6	..	15	17 11 5		" "
Orattur and Four Villages	"	58	21	2		...	...	71	18	1	1		46	37 2 4		" "
Chittoor	J. W. Scudder	39	7	2	10	..	4	65	7	.	6	....	80	583 0 1	89 9 6	Chittoor, "
Bommai Samudram	"	5	..	..	....	...	..	....	...		....	..	6	2 1 9		
Kottapalli	"	28	.....	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	....	...	11	4 3 6		
Timsampalli	"	6	..	...	....	...	...	..	..	....	....	..	9	1 5 9		
Basapalli	"	6														
Ramapuram	"	3														
Yellapalli	"	9														
Coonoor	Zachariah John	45	5	2	3	1	...	60	10	3	5	...	13	61 13 3	75 6 0	Coonoor, "
Kotagiri	"	9	3	0	.	1	.	16	3		....	..	7	5 6 8		
Gnanodayam	Andrew Sawyer	17	1	7	11	...	3	51	7	1	2	....	15	50 8 8	....	Arnee, "
Arunadu	"	8	....	....	....	...	...	....				....		12 5 8		
Sattambadi	"	11	3	.	2	...	.	46	6	3	2	...	13	19 13 3		
Sirudalapundi	"	5		..	....	...	.	..		....		...	10	4 14 5		
Paraiyantangal	"	5	....	..	..	...	...		.	..	. .	...	7	3 14 0		

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—*Continued.*

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R. A. P.	R. A. P.	
Mudnapilly	Jacob Chamberlain (s.c.)	28	..	10	....	3	1	22	3		11	..	13	368 11 6	....	Mudnapilly, Mad.Pres'y, India
Palamanair, Arunodaya	"	13	1	1		1	1	16		1	6		6	19 0 5		
Vellore	W. W. Scudder	90	10	17	22	1	3	81	9	4	29	....	115	729 2 0	.. ..	Vellore, "
Kattupadi	"	13	2	7	2	....	1	27	3	2	13	....	24	20 3 3		
Kandipatur	"	11	..	2	2	....	1	19	1		17		10	24 15 3		
Shekadu	"	16	....	..	1	....	1	31	3	..	15	...	15	22 15 10		
Vennampalli	"	9	..	.	...	...	...	.....	..	.	21	....	3	7 3 0		
Ondrantangal	"	3		....		....	....	....	.	....	15	...	14	3 10 0		
Karasamangalam	"	7	....	..	..	....	....	....		..	27	....	11	5 2 0		
Tondantolasi	"	7	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	..	18	....	6	3 12 0		
	"	6		....	....	....	.	.....	.....	.....	26	....	13	10 0		
	Total	611	66	77	62	7	17	718	112	42	303	....	668	3,138 14 10	182 7 6	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., in charge of Arcot Dispensary. Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D., in America. Rev. S. Ettirajooloo, Head Master in Arcot Seminary.

Candidates.—V. Yesudian. M. I. Israel.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. & B. C.: Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Hudson	John McC Holmes	200	11	11	5	...	5	400	10	4	225	225	350	$6,545 23	$5,732 44	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	Vacant	104	6	1	9	...	6	160	1	2	150	125	175	1,470	2,900	
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	2	1	8	...	2	129	2	2	100	60	200	1,643 18	2,570 42	Mellenville,
Linlithgow	T. S. Dusinberre	*100	12	2	1	...	7	227	9	2	50	..	50	702 18	1,671	Livingston,
Greenport	John S. Himrod	95	10	2	2	...	...	182	8	7	....	40	80	800 10	1,400	Hudson,
Germantown	G. D W. Bodine	88	19	2	.	...	2	*150	7	4	..	50	65	342 49	1,775	Germantown,
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	70	7	1	4	...	1	102	5	3	80	80	60	150 51	11,834 57	Upper Red Hook,
Greenbush	De Witt B. Wyckoff	70	4	7	1	...	2	100	1	2	15	30	60	306 96	2,447 50	Mt. Ross,
Taghkanic	John B. Church	76	8	1	1	...	2	133	...	3	40	16	109	146 28	1,523 88	West Copake,
Livingston, Linlithgo	H. R. Schermerhorn (s.s.)	54	9	2	...	...	...	28	1	2	....	....	....	11	700	Linlithgo, Col. Co.,
	Total	107	88	30	31	...	27	1611	44	31	660	626	1149	$11,617 78	$32,554 81	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Edwin Holmes (s. c.), Hudson. Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn. Rev. A. Mattice. Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Hudson.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale*	Vacant†	56	...	...	...	...	...	91	...	...	...	...	80	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	N. H. Van Arsdale	150	20	1	5	..	1	148	8	6	75	100	150	$370 96	$2,000 57	High Falls,
Dashville Falls	Paul T. Deyo	120	9	2	4	...	.	133	6	1		85	165	40 43	845 90	Bifton Glen,
Guilford*	Vacant	88	...	...	...	...	...	69	...	...	...	...	140	...	...	Tuthill,
Hurley	J. F. Harris	65	1	1	1	...	2	122	8	.	50	40	65	2'8 89	1,782 45	Hurley,
N. Church, Marbletown	"	70	...	...	...	...	3	110	4	.	40	85	60	128 15	658 01	"
Second Church, Kingston	Chas. H. Stitt	150	14	14	12	...	2	858	12	7	50	200	220	1,350 39	4,000	Kingston,
Marbletown	Vacant	170	8	2	7	..	4	257	18	4	..	115	150	340 32	1,898 58	Stone Ridge,
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s. c.)	261	15	8	6	...	5	428	14	8	195	161	258	1,489 97	1,709 98	New Paltz,
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	150	4	3	1	...	6	150	8	.	75	75	150	452 35	1,645 89	Accord.
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	3	1	...	...	1	84	...	...	..	...	100	92 09	1,521 47	Rosendale,
Sampsonville	Vacant	45	...	...	1	...	.	56	...	...	30	11	50	20 25	142	Sampsonville,
St. Remy	Vacant†	80	...	2	...	...	2	48	..	.	27	18	45	49 85	168 80	Fly Mountain,
	Total	1410	67	84	87	...	26	2046	78	26	542	790	1633	$4,528 15	$16,428 65	

Ministers without Charge.—James R. Lent, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y. W. W. Brush [dismissed to the Classis of Geneva].

* Report of last year, † Supplied by Rev. C. Van Santvoord.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	124	21	6	6	...	1	245	7	3	..	100	120	$478 59	$10,310 62	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	120	29	4	4	..	4	201	11	18	160	225	175	4 020 75	3.060	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	M. Swick	*100	18	3	21	...	5	*112	2	11	...	111	91	269 70	2.788 89	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E Davis	90	15	2	3	...	2	110	3	9			60	81	1.500	Manhassett, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	325	8	8	6	...	3	428	9	3	.	300	435	517 80	20.113 97	Brooklyn, E.D., "
Astoria	W. H Ten Eyck (s. c.)	61	3	1	1	...	2	106	7	2	55	37	85	1,678 86	5.344 95	Astoria, "
Flushing	E. S. Fairchild	91	14	4	...	...	1	206	8	5	125	125	100	460 79	3.227 92	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Alex. McKelvey	220	10	7	14	...	7	354	14	1	520	315	300	880 43	7.500	Brooklyn, E. D., "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	95	2	7	5	...	...	154	11	...	280	300	180	280	3,700	" "
Lee Avenue	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	" "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	65	17	2	...	...	...	189	34	...	20	50	80	27	1,000	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh†	Vacant	30	1	...	1	...	...	20	2	...	46	72	121	411	447	Maspeth, "
Second Newtown	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	30	5	...	...	...	1	45	4	...	..	12	20	...	175	Astoria, "
Queens	Thomas Nichols	70	4	7	1	...	2	95	2	..	...		...	200	1.700	Queens, "
Ger. Evan. Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	220	37	6	11	...	9	413	150	...	210	360	450	358	3,231 85	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Sayville	Vacant	34	...	3	1	...	2	35	3	.	....	..	30	11 75	89 27	Sayville, "
Locust Valley‡	Vacant	35	2	...	...	..	...	18	1	2	....	50	50	68 50	1,200	Glen Cove, "
First Refd. of Col. Point‡	Vacant	22	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	...	..	College Point, "
	Total	1732	210	60	74	...	39	2681	268	54	1366	2057	2297	$9,728 67	$65,339 47	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, 129 Clymer street, Brooklyn, E. D., L. I. A. C. Hillman, 214 Ross street, Williamsburgh, L. I. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jeffersen Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Hicks, Charleston, S. C J. B. Alliger, Jamaica, L. I. Ira C. Boice, Paterson, N. J. L. G. Jongeneel, Hohokus, N.J. *Candidate.*—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey street, N. Y.

* Revised List. † Supplied by Licentiate Wm. Ferris. ‡ Newly organized.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	204	13	14	24	...	8	399	10	2	200		355	$14,790 07	.. ....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	11	2	3	...	4	248	10	...	160	160	197	†11,590 42	$3,000	Flatbush "
Flatbush Mission	R. G Strong, S.S	61	6	.	.	...	2	95	6	3	.	24	55	70	.... ..	"
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	95	3	4	2	...	2	204*	8	1	100	120	170	1,808 77	2,850	New Utrecht,
Gravesend	Austin P. Stockwell	117	4	1	3	...	4	144	2	...	148	....	125	....	.. ..	Gravesend,
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	6	4	2	...	1	172	9	.		40	141	863 29	5,951 69	Flatlands,
New Lotts	John M. Van Buren	70	7	7	7	...	1	129	8	...	40	40	50	690	..	East New York,
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	65	4	6	8	...	1	114	3	...	88	100	180	790 20	2 770 14	"
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	42	...	2	...	...	1	67	4	...	50	60	75	578 08	2,099 34	Brooklyn,
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	286	29	41	18	...	6	653	30	8	290	316	408	1,732 55	11,545 30	"
Twelfth Street	N. P. Pierce	120	12	11	3	...	3	241	13	4		28	325	570 14	6,908 84	"
Church on the Heights	Vacant*	215	14	14	8	...	3	524	8	2	117	567	430	20,335 43	9,684 46	"
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	76	34	2	...	...	2	181	58	.	32	70	99	56	1,215 58	New Brooklyn,
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	124	32	118	...	...	2	212	9	8		35	152	202 57	3.376 60	Brooklyn,
	Total	1695	175	226	78	...	40	3313	178	28	1220	1560	2750	$54,012 47	$49,351 90	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Sec. of Board of Foreign Missions, 24 Vesey street, New York. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Sec. of Board of Domestic Missions, 24 Vesey street, New York. Rev. Julius Hones, Brooklyn, New York. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. John V. Griswold, Missionary Pastor of Bethany Chapel, 134 Montague street, Brooklyn. Rev. Alfred E. Myers.

* Report of last year. † Includes Centential contributions paid in up to April 1, and not unpaid subscriptions, which will be counted on the next year.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Collegiate, New York	Thomas DeWitt	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	....	...	.....	15 West 56th Street. "
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)	....	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	....	..	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th Street, "
	James M. Ludlow	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	.....	.....	.....	116 West 48th Street, "
	William Ormiston	600	61	81	44	...	26	1573	32	4	....	...	1899	$33,168	.....	158 East 27th Street, "
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	300	19	15	25	...	7	562	15	4	....	...	250	2,140	$7,450	344 West 32d Street, "
St. Paul's,	Alex. R. Thompson.		...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	....	...	...	.....	...	320 West 30th Street "
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse	....	4	6	...	...	...	...	8	...	..			905 18	21,000	
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	185	45	6	18	...	8	525	33	...	75	300	500	2,382	2,506 74	82 Second Street, "
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Alken	100	10	...	...	...	3	75	5	1	100	...	100	.....	.....	316 West 52d Street, "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	185	14	11	15	...	6	258	12	3	200	225	300	2,381 87	...	5 Hudson Place, Harlem,
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Dubois	140	10	4	5	...	...	175	12	4	150	150	250	450	3,200	Mott Haven,
Staten Island	James Brownlee	160	21	10	4	...	7	339	18	4	85	....	400	1,641 50	3,991	Port Richmond, S. I.
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	25	1	1	4	...	...	51	2	..		..	50	.....	884 87	Richmond, "
Huguenots, S. I.	F. M. Kip, Past Elect.		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	....	....	...	.....	..	South Side, "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	95	15	...	1	...	...	200	20	...	17	35	104	129 84	1,015 18	252 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	74	1	3	8	...	2	146	17	...	200	200	210	1,771 10	2,618 20	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A H Beehtold.	100	4	10	2	...	...	85	7	...	....	12		141 62	782	232 Eighth Avenue, "
South New York	E. P. Rogers	185	11	9	6	...	3	477	11	3	....		700	26,513 16	15,000	42 West 27th Street, "
South New Haven, Ct	H. Branch	153	5	.	3	1	2	166	3	2	32	196	166	471 24	2,826 77	New Haven, Connecticut.
Brookfield, Ct.	Ransford Wells	40	3	3	4	..	...	87	.	...	....	20	48	106	750	Brookfield, "
	Total	2342	224	159	184	1	64	4669	190	25	809	1138	4977	$72,901 46	$61,674 71	

Ministers without Charge—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D., Roselle, N. J. Charles Whitehead, Chaplain, Roosevelt Hospital. John Forsyth, D.D., Chaplain, West Point. N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South 5th street, Williamsburg, L. I. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. S. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors—J. H. Bertholf, 100 West 29th street. W. H. De Hart, Knox Memo. Chapel, Ninth avenue, near Thirty-eighth street. Leonard W. Kipp, Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, Missionary to Florence. Charles H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan. William L. Johnson, Mebanesville, N. C.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brighton Heights	Vacant	74	2	...	...	...	1	207	1	...	200	80	160	$135 16	$4,022 32	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	99	13	...	19	...	3	215	9	5	108	15	108	4,675	*9,400	New York City.
Manhattan	L. P. Cummings	45	11	5	3	...	...	68	5	...	175	20	175	210	1,800	New York City.
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. c.)	60	5	4	4	...	1	210	55	1	50	20	170	471	2,056	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Union Ref. Ch. 6th Ave	Julius L. Danner		48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	New York City.
German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Freidel	210	22	2	4	...	6	330	97	.	90	75	500	856	8,875	New York City.
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch.	W. T. Enyard	300	32	10	15	...	8	482	6	7	350	380	500	2,192 30	7,042	Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn.
	Total	788	85	21	44	...	19	1562	173	13	978	540	1613	$8541 46	$33,195 32	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Macaulay. Rev. H. E. Timlow, Boston, Mass.

Candidates.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

*Centennial Fund to date, $6,757, included.

CLASSIS OF ORANG'E.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	57	2	3	...	....	3	60	8	..	..	.	....	$25	$864 88	Walden, Orange County N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Vacant	100	8	..	5		3	135	7	2				158 33	1,676 89	Bloomingburgh,
Callicoon	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	100	14	..	4		3	164	28	.	20	40	90	72	589 55	Callicoon,
Claryville†	Vacant	25	.	...	...	....	...	19		...	2		100	... .	....	Claryville,
Cuddebackville	W. E. Bogardus	54	5	.	3	1	..	44		4	67	68	44	56 50	774	Cuddebackville,
Deerpark	S. J. Rogers	155	7	9	6	....	7	218	3	3	50	200	206	2,132 02	3,700	Port Jervis,
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	100	16	.	6		2	254	7	7	20	25	225	573 17	2,325 61	Ellenville,
Fallsburgh	W S Brown	94	14	4	...		2	112	6	7	10	39	60	328 50	1,055	Woodbourne,
Fremont	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	54	19	5	...		1	110	22	...	9	12	35	12	180	Fremont Centre,
Grahamville	Vacant	50	7	...	1		2	110		6		40	88	.. ....	.	Grahamville,
Jeffersonville	Wm. Elterich, P. E.	45	74	...	..	..	1	78	12	...	18	5	40	19	361	Jeffersonville,
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	2	1	..		2	111	12	..		..	60	45	496	Kerhonkson,
Mamakating	E. G. Ackerman	70	3	..	1		2	68	.	...	....	.		... .	2,400	Wurtsboro,
Minnisink*	Wm. E. Turner, P. E.	..	...	..	..		...	..	....	...	....	..	....	.... ..	....	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt	175	6	3	4		3	317	5	...	100	140		1,135	7,861 90	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	W. H. Gleason	225	43	15	28		7	373	22	20	50	165	215	955 28	15,129 88	Newburgh,
New Hurley†	R. H. Beattie	110	8	1	3		4	185	13	2	90	75	150	262 81	1,130	New Hurley,
New Prospect	Vacant	80	7	...	2	..	5	131	2	2	....		94	..... .	691 96	Ulsterville,
North Branch	Wm Elterich, P. E.	40	56	4	..	.....	.	60	10	4	5	9	40	6	81 25	North Branch,
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	160	13	3	4	...	3	260	4	1	75	90	180	604 98	1,100	Bruynswick,
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	100	9	3	1	....	4	190	6	2	100	80	100	338	1,500	Walden,
Wallkill Valley	B. C. Lippincott	75	3	16	...	....	3	43	1	2	....		45	37 80	1,089 28	Shawangunk
Walpack, Upper	G. S. Garretson	65	3	4	2	....	2	83	1	1	20	125	112	61	324	Dingman's Bridge, Pa.
Walpack, Lower	J. F. Shaw	100	5	4	4	..	..	164	6	...	50	100	140	160 25	4,974	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	J. R. Talmage	120	2	2	1	.	3	135	3	...	80	80	150	270 06	1,267 50	Napanock, N. Y.
	Total	2224	325	76	72	1	62	3469	178	68	754	1293	2119	$6,935 90	$49,520 54	

Ministers without Charge.—C Scott, Holland, Mich. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, N. Y. Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, N. Y. R. Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa. N. W. Jones, Kerhonkson, N. Y. Rev. L. L. Comfort.

*No Report. †Last Report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction		Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. VanGieson	190	5	22	7	...	9	422	7	..	127	254	166	6,219 68		Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	Vacant	127	5	1	18	...	6	244	2	1	80	80	125	7,454 46	3,204 70	Fishkill, "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	93	14	8	5	..	2	158		8	120	18	75	676 46	3,420	Poughkeepsie, "
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	115	5	4	14	8	7	258	8		....	..	140	808 55		Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	116	11	1	7	...	6	147	6	8	6	60	200	370 60	2,606 56	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke*	135	5	6	3	...	5	291	4	1	100	75	60	530 85	2,408 79	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	100	19	2	5	...	2	195	6	5	....	200	150	857 11	4,894 77	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	11	7	10	...	...	177	5	5	...	50	60	136 94	1,200	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant	50	2	2		...	1	64	4	....	...	90	90	200	1,000	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	108	14	7	4	1	1	115	4	8	....	20	160	661 29	5,792 38	Washington, "
	Total	1114	91	60	73	4	39	2066	46	36	487	847	1121	17,915 44	24,528 20	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. C. VanCleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff.

*Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. & B. C.			Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number in Biblical Instruction			Religious and Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	70	3				1	56		1							Pelham,	N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant																Montrose,	"
Fordham	William Brush	60	1	8	1		2	70	12		25		70		$300	$2,470	Fordham,	"
Greenburg	George N. Snyder	48	2	12			3	88	2			41	25		130 90	5,464 83	White Plains,	"
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	82	3		4		4	40	6		12	10	45		197 56	1 080 84	Scarsdale,	"
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	105	13	10	6			147	1	6		220	160		1,693 79	3,991 53	Hastings-on-Hudson,	"
Melrose	George Windemuth	48	27		10		5	120	14		35	40	120		50	625	Morrisania,	"
Mount Vernon	Manclus H Hutton (s. c.)	80	10	8	11		1	180	4	2	168	168	112		322 35	7,344 03	Mount Vernon,	"
Peekskill	Jeremian Searle	70	11	2	4		2	109	11	3	64	55	60		369 05		Peekskill,	"
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	120	11	16	3		3	248	1	4	150	168	125		1.040 49	9,779	North Tarrytown,	"
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	4	14	13		3	297	6		60	75	105		1,955 89	5,107 64	Tarrytown	"
Unionville	Laurence H. Van Dyck	54			5			48				30	35		111 75	800	Neperan	"
West Farms	John Simonson	67	1	1	3		1	75	2		47	64	78		144 20	5,519 66	West Farms,	"
White Plains	Victor M. Hulbert	47			14		1	63	3						132	9,252	White Plains,	"
Yonkers	David Cole	133	11	5	12		3	214	18	1	330	201	198		2,404 16	8,298 62	Yonkers,	"
	Total	1009	97	76	76		29	1658	80	17	886	1067	1182		$8,871 54	$59,682 65		

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Rand, Yonkers.
Candidates.—Alex. Watson, N. Y. B. S., Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools.—Average Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Arcot	31	7	2	611	66	77	713	112	42	303					
Classis of Hudson	10	13		1057	98	80	1611	44	31	660	626	1149	$11,617 78	$33,554 81	Jacob Chamberlain,
Classis of Kingston	13	10		1410	87	84	2046	78	26	542	790	1688	4,538 15	16,428 65	Edwin Holmes,
N. Classis of Long Island	18	22	1	1782	210	60	2681	268	54	1366	2057	2297	9,738 67	65,339 47	Philip Peltz,
S. Classis of Long Island	14	19		1695	175	226	3818	173	28	1220	1560	2750	54,019 '47	49,351 90	W. H. TenEyck,
Classis of New York	17	33		2842	224	159	4669	190	25	809	1188	4977	72,201 46	61,674 71	David S. Sutphen,
South Classis of New York	7	9	1	788	85	21	1562	173	18	973	540	1618	8,541 46	33,195 32	Talbot W. Chambers,
Classis of Orange	25	26		2294	326	76	2469	178	63	754	1293	2119	6,805 90	49,590 54	S. H. Meeker,
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	15		1114	91	60	2066	46	36	487	847	1121	17,915 44	24,528 20	Edward W. Bentley,
Classis of Westchester	15	16	2	1009	97	76	1658	80	17	886	1067	1182	8,871 54	59,689 65	A. P. Van Gieson, Mancius H. Hutton.
	162	170	6	18982	1429	819	28783	1842	335	8000	9918	18791	$194,217 87	$392,271 65	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee presented the following which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes would report that they have examined those records of the Classes which have been placed before them, and find them well kept, and in good order.

They notice by the answers given to the constitutional inquiries that most of the Churches have made a very satisfactory report, excepting that to the second question a number were obliged to reply in the negative.

In the Minutes of the Classis of New York they find the following resolution:

Resolved, That an overture be sent to the Particular Synod requesting that body to merge the two Classis of New York into one body.

Respectfully submitted.

P. VAN WYCK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully beg leave to report:

That they have received an overture from the Classis of New York, asking to be united to the South Classis of New York. Inasmuch as there is represented to be a non-concurrence on the part of the South-Classis of New York in regard to the proposed union, your Committee deem it expedient that no action be taken in the matter.

C. H. STITT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AMD USAGES.

The rule requiring the reading of the classical reports was suspended.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STRICT EXAMINATIONS.

The following reports were received from the Deputate Synodi, approved, and ordered printed:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

I have the honor to report that as Deputatus I attended a meeting of the Classis of Westchester, on May 22, 1871. Mr. George N. Snyder, a licentiate of the Presbytery of New York, was examined, with a view to ordination. The examination was conducted in accordance with the requirements of our book, and sustained.

Also, a meeting of the South Classis of Long Island, on October 23, 1871. Mr. J. V. Griswold was received as a member of Classis from the Presbytery of Hudson, after the examination which our book requires.

Also, a meeting of the North Classis of Long Island, on November 16, 1871, at which Mr. Thomas Nichols was received from the Presbytery of Hudson, after the required examination.

Respectfully,

ISAAC RILEY.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

I have the honor to report that as Deputatus Synodi, I was present at a meeting of the North Classis of Long Island, held in New York, May 23, 1871, to examine the candidate for licensure, Vernon B. Carroll.

The examination was faithfully conducted and satisfactorily sustained.

D. S. SUTPHEN,

Dep. Syn. of the So. Classis of Long Island.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of Poughkeepsie respectfully reports that he attended a meeting of the North Classis of Long Island on the 1st day of June, 1871, at which the candidate, William E. Davis, was examined, with a view to his ordination. The examination was faithfully and fairly conducted, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and was in all respects satisfactorily sustained.

HENRY WARD.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned was present, as Deputatus Synodi (*secundus*) from the Classis of Kingston, at a meeting of the Classis of Orange, held April 16th, 1872, when Rev. Wilhelm L. Elterich, of the Reformed Synod of the Canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, was examined, and received into the Classis.

All the requirements of the Constitution in regard to the probation of the minister had been faithfully complied with. The examination was properly conducted, and elicited an admirable exhibition of orthodoxy and spiritual life, with remarkable attainments in theological knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ.

New Paltz, N. Y., April 20, 1872.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi, would respectfully report that he attended a meeting of the Classis of Kingston on the 30th day of May, 1871, at which the candidate, Matthew N. Oliver, was examined for licensure.

The examination was properly conducted, and satisfactorily sustained.

HENRY DATER.

Hyde Park, May 24th, 1872.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.—Primarius, W. W. Scudder.

Classis of Hudson.—Primarius, G. D. W. Bodine; *Secundus*, J. S. Himrod.

Classis of Kingston.—Primarius, Ph. Peltz; *Secundus*, Ch. H. Stitt.

Classis of North Long Island.—Primarius, C. I. Shepard; *Secundus*, Alex. McKelvey.

Classis of South Long Island.—Primarius, E. P. Ingersoll; *Secundus*, Joseph Kimball.

Classis of New York.—Primarius, H. D. Ganse; *Secundus*, J. M. Ludlow.

South Classis of New York.—Primarius, M. S. Hutton; *Secundus*, W. T. Enyard.

Classis of Orange.—Primarius, E. W. Bentley; *Secundus*, M. V. Schoonmaker.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Primarius, P. E. Kipp; *Secundus*, C. W. Fritts.

Classis of Westchester.—Primarius, J. Garretson; *Secundus*, M. H. Hutton.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

According to a rule of Synod, the first half hour at the opening of Synod was spent in devotional exercises; also the first half hour of the afternoon session, and of the morning session of the second day, which were extended to an hour to give room for a free conversation on the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod are due the Rev. M. G. Hansen, for the faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of Stated Clerk.

On motion: *Resolved*, That the pastor and people of the Church of Rhinebeck have the hearty thanks of this body for the generous hospitality with which members of Synod have been entertained among them.

ARTICLE XXII.

QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and accounts, which were received, and referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BRAUWER, *Questor.*

1871	**Dr.**	
July 18	To Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1871 (450 copies)	$ 132 88
	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for Blanks and Stationery	16 13
Oct. 11	Cash paid Rev. G. Talmage for copies of complaint, &c., of Mrs. McKinney	3
1872		
May 7	Balance due Synod to New account	337 37
		$489 38
1871	**Cr.**	
May 21	By Cash Balance from old account	$ 198 38
Oct. 23	Cash from Rev. S. H. Meeker, Questor, South Classis of New York	14
" 24	Cash from Wm. H. Clark, Questor, Classis of New York	45
" 28	Cash from Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Questor, Classis of Kingston	25
Dec. 12	Cash from Mr. R. B. Shepard, Questor, Classis of Hudson	22
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Jan. 17	Cash from Rev. Joseph Kimball, Questor, South Classis of Long Island	36
Apl. 9	Cash from Rev. Wm. Ferris, Questor, North Classis of Long Island	39
" 13	Cash from Rev. Jeremiah Searle, Questor, Classis of Westchester	34
" 18	Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Questor, Classis of Poughkeepsie	25
" 23	Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor, Classis of Orange	51
		$489 38

The Committee on the Questorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's account, with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of *Three Hundred and Thirty-seven Dollars Thirty-seven Cents* ($337.37).

JOHN M. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

Rhinebeck, May 7th, 1872.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From Classis of Arcot.

Rev. W. W. Scudder,
" Joseph Scudder,
" S. D. Scudder.

From Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn,	Elder Matthias Hallenbeck,
" A. J. Sebring,	" Robt. B. Shepard,
" John McC. Holmes.	" John C. Newkirk.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John S. Himrod,	Elder John Hover,
" Edwin Holmes,	" Samuel Bachman,
" Abram Mattice.	" Peter Hoffman.

From Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Paul T. Deyo,	Elder Wm. Smith,
" N. H. Van Arsdale,	" Jacob L. Snyder.
" Philip Peltz.	" Josiah P. LeFever.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Augustus Blauvelt,	Elder Garret D. Crispell, M.D.,
" J. Ferguson Harris,	" Geo. W. Basten,
" M. F. Liebenau.	" Jonathan Auchmoody.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. D. Hulst,	Elder Jacob Suydam,
" J. G. Van Slyke,	" J. N. Brinkerhoof,
" E. S. Fairchild.	" Wm. H. Clarke.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. McKelvey,	Elder C. R. Ogden,
" Wm. E. Davis,	" Abraham S. Bergen,
" Thos. Nichols.	" Isaac Morley.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. H. Manning,	Elder J. E. Bergen,
" Jacob West,	" S. B. Stewart,
" C. L. Wells.	" G. G. Bergen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Kimball,	Elder John A. Lott,
" J. M. Ferris,	" E. A. Matthews,
" D. S. Sutphen.	" Charles Lott.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Isaac Riley,	Elder James Anderson,
" Hasbrouck DuBois	" S. B. Schieffelin,
" H. D. Ganse.	" Fred. Hughson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. W. Chambers,	Elder Gam. G. Smith,
" Jas. Brownlee,	" Geo. A. Henshaw,
" G. Henry Mandeville.	" D. Jackson Steward.

From South Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Julius L. Danner,	Elder Richard H. Bull,

Rev. Lawrence P. Cummings,	Elder Malcolm McLeod,
" W. T. Enyard.	" Frank Nolman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Mattice,	Elder Wm. E. Lawrence,
" M. S. Hutton,	" Chas. J. Debevoise,
" S. H. Meeker.	" Thomas Dammey.

From Classis of Orange

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt,	Elder Thomas Jessup,
" J. A. Staats,	" John Lyon,
" W. H. Gleason.	" Abraham Deyo, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Dubois,	Elder William Shafer,
" J. F. Shaw,	" C. J. Mould,
" B. C. Lippincott.	" David Parliman

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Dater,	Elder Jacob B. Jewett,
" O. E. Cobb,	" Walter Brett,
" H. N. Cobb.	" Chas. J. Todd.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson,	Elder Edward L. Beadle,
" C. Van Cleef,	" Samuel Drury,
" H. Ward.	" J. P. Flagler.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Garretson,	Elder J. P. Fitch,
" V. M. Hulbert,	" John W. Clark,
' Mancius H. Hutton.	" J. A. Van Tassel.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Simonson,	Elder E. M. Newman,
" Geo. N. Snyder,	" Jacob I. Strong,
" J. H. Pitcher.	" John D. McKenzie.

ARTICLE XXIV.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, D D., was appointed to attend the session of the Particular Synod of Albany, in 1873. Rev. J. Halsted Carroll, D.D., that of New Brunswick, and Rev. John McC. Holmes that of Chicago, each in 1873.

ARTICLE XXV.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next Stated Session of the Particular Synod of New York be held in the First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, A.D. 1873, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, and Synod adjourned with remarks by the President and Adsessor, Prayer and the Benediction.

E. P. ROGERS, *President.*
EDWARD W. BENTLEY, *Adsessor.*
MANCIUS H. HUTTON, } *Clerks.*
HENRY V. S. MYERS, }

A true copy, ANSON DUBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF TARRYTOWN, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY, 1873, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M., AND ADJOURNED ON THE SAME DAY, AT TEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D. The sermon before Synod was preached on the evening of the first day of the session by the same, from Matt. 5:16; Rom. 12:11; 1 Cor. 10:31, and 1 Cor. 7:31. The subject of the discourse was the importance to the world, and to all Christians themselves of labor, sufferings, and waiting here while expecting a better world.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Rev. William Scudder, D.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. Thos. S. Dusenberre, Rev. P. Van Wyck, Rev. H. V. S. Myers. *Elders*—Rufus Patrie, G. S. Vosberg.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Rev. A. Blauvelt, Rev. J. F. Harris, Rev. Paul T. Deyo. *Elders*—Joseph Hasbrouck, Jonathan Auchmoody, G.W. Le Fever, W. E. Hasbrouck.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck. D.D., Rev. J. G. Van Slyck. *Elders*—John N. Brinkerhoff, Fred'k A. Lancashier, Wm. Ferris.

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Rev. C. L. Wells, Rev. A. P. Stockwell. *Elders*—Silas B. Dutcher, Henry R. Wyckoff.

Classis of New York.—Rev. W. H. De Hart, Ransford Wells, D.D., J. M. Ludlow, D.D., G. H. Mandeville, D.D. *Elders*—H. Camerdon, H. B. Hawley.

South Classis of New York.—Rev. John B. Steele, Rev. Henry Mattice. *Elder*—Wm. E. Lawrence.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. John DuBois, Rev. Wm. Elterich, Rev. E. W. Bentley, Rev. Wm. E. Turner.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. H. N. Cobb. *Elders*—P. S. Van Houten, B. F. Pond.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. G. Windemuth, Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, Rev. J. A. Todd, D.D. *Elders*—Ichabod Smith, Henry Yerks, Daniel Odell, Jacob Storm

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., was elected *President;* Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., was elected *Adsessor;* and Rev. W. H. De Hart, and Rev. J. G. Van Slyck were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session of the Synod, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. H. N. Cobb, P. Van Wyck. *Elder* W. H. Platt.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. E. W. Bentley, C. L. Wells. *Elder* John N. Brinkerhoff.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Philip Peltz, J. M. Ludlow. *Elder* Joseph Hasbrouck.

On the Questorate.—Revs. John Simonson, W. W. Scudder. *Elder* W. E. Lawrence.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. G. H. Mandeville, J. B. Steele, Philip Peltz. *Elders* Henry Camerdon, W. E. Lawrence.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report, that they have examined the Acts and Proceedings of the last General Synod which have been placed in their hands.

On page 485 they find the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the attention of the Particular Synods of New York, Chicago and New Brunswick be called to this subject."

The subject to which attention is thus called, is stated in pages

484 and 485, "that a number of the Churches (of this Particular Synod) were obliged to reply in the negative to the second constitutional question, and so far as appears from the Minutes no notice was taken by the Synod of this neglect of constitutional requirement.

"Inasmuch as the asking and answering of these questions is a constitutional requirement, and it is expected that all answers should be in the affirmative, your Committee deem these Particular Synods derelict in duty, who fail to notice the neglect of the Classes in enforcing this constitutional requirement."

On page 505 is found the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee relating to the re-construction of the Board of Superintendents of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be adopted, with the proviso that, in order to equalize as far as possible the representation of all parts of the Church, there shall not be more than one delegate from any Classis at one time; also, that the Particular Synod of Chicago shall be represented by one delegate.

"*Resolved*, That the Particular Synods, at their next Annual Meeting, take measures to carry out the recommendations of the Report."

The recommendation is found on page 513 of the Acts, &c., and is as follows:

"That the Board of Superintendents shall consist of eight members from each of the three Particular Synods above named, (of New York, Albany, and New Brunswick), one half of them to be laymen or ruling Elders of the Church: that they be divided into four classes, each consisting of two members, a Minister and Elder, who shall serve for the period of four years, to be nominated annually by each Particular Synod for confirmation by the General Synod."

Your Committee would recommend that this Synod proceed to the nomination and election of eight members of the Board of Superintendent, four Ministers and four Laymen.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. COBB, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, CHICAGO AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Copies of the Minutes of the year 1872, of each of these Synods, were received, and laid on the table.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports respectfully report: that full reports have been received from all the Classes, except that the Classes of New York and Arcot have submitted no reports on the State of Religion, having given us only statistical reports. Your Committee recommend that the Stated Clerks of the delinquent Classes be directed, so far as practicable, to submit the missing reports to the Stated Clerk of this Synod as soon as possible.

The Committee must notice an imperfection in some of the Reports in regard to Sabbath Schools, arising from the change recently made by the General Synod in the form of the statistics upon this subject. The Committee deem it sufficient that the attention of the Classes be called to the subject.

The reports of the Classes are submitted as follows.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion having examined the reports of the Churches in the Classis of Hudson, respectfully submit the following synopsis:

The Church of Hudson acknowledges with profound gratitude to God the prosperity it has enjoyed during the past year. Entire harmony has pervaded its membership, and general success has characterized its efforts. The attendance upon the Sabbath and week-day services has been large and regular, with few exceptions, and the audiences have seemed unusually attentive and solemn. Daily services were held the first two weeks of January, and everything appeared to betoken an out pouring of the Spirit. Christians indeed were greatly quickened, but comparatively few of the im-

penitent were awakened and brought to Christ. Still the year has not been without fruit, as the statistics show. In things temporal, the past year has been in excess of any previous year. The benevolence, also, is in advance of former years. The Sabbath-school has continued on its way with its customary efficiency and success. An association for Christian work has accomplished much valuable service, in canvassing the city and dispensing the Gospel, and in applying the means of grace by Cottage prayer meetings. While we long for larger blessings, we thank God for present favors and take courage for future work,

The First Church of Claverack reports: The vacancy of this Church for some months of the past year, will account for some unfavorable discrepancies between the last and present year's report. Our condition is comfortable. The financial operations of the year show no deficiency. The "Envelope system" has been adopted, on trial, at least for the current year, and has not proceeded far enough yet to enable Consistory to decide as to its working. The church edifice having been recently lighted, evening services on the Lord's day have been transferred to it from the Chapel. A succession of services has been carried on in four School-houses in different districts of the congregation, more or less regularly, as weather and roads would permit, with gratifying results. Nothing of a marked nature has developed itself in spiritual things, yet there are evidences of interest in the things of the kingdom, and everything to inspire the hope, that ere long this will manifest itself to our gladness and the praise of the Heavenly Master.

Second Claverack In temporalities we have been blessed. The people have freely contributed of their means for repairs on the church property, and have maintained the means of grace liberally and promptly. Public services have been well attended, and Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings have been of unusual interest. With humble thanksgiving, we record the goodness of God in the outpouring of his Spirit upon our community. In the judgment of charity, more than one hundred souls have been brought into the kingdom. Fifty five of these have already united with our Church, while others will yet join; and others still have, or will yet, connect themselves with sister churches.

Linlithgow. We have nothing special to report. The year has been one of ordinary events in the Church, except the occurrence of

her one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, on the Fourth of July, which was gratefully remembered in befitting services. Nothing has interrupted the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Two Sabbath services have been regularly held in the church, and two monthly ones in different parts of the congregation when practicable, which, together with the weekly prayer meeting and the Sunday-school, constitute our established order of worship. The parsonage lot has been improved by a new and convenient barn. In accessions to the Church, we number less than in the past, but remembering that events are God's, and despising not the day of small things, our prayer is that the word of God may increase and the number of the disciples be greatly multiplied.

Greenport. We have enjoyed peace. Our accessions have been very small, with considerable interruption in the use of the means of grace from pestilence, weather and roads. Our usual amount of outward prosperity has been continued.

Germantown. The last year has been one of usual temporal and spiritual prosperity. Two regular Sabbath services have been observed with encouraging audiences, and the ordinances have been regularly administered. The Week of Prayer was observed with a good degree of interest. The weekly prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school have been maintained throughout the year. A plan of systematic benevolence has been adopted, which, while it has not materially increased the amount of our contributions, has, we hope, tended to develope the spirit of benevolence.

Upper Red Hook. There has been nothing remarkable or unusual in the affairs of this Church during the past year. Our regular Sabbath and weekly services have been continued and been well attended. There seems to have been a gradual growth in the size of the Sabbath congregations during the past two years, but so gradual has it been, that no one time has been marked. There have been no indications of the special presence of the Spirit, yet a few names have been added to our register, which we trust and believe have also found a place in the Book of Life. Our material affairs are in good condition. A debt that burdened us at the beginning of the year has been so reduced as to give confident hope that it will soon be cancelled. We find very many things in our history which call for earnest thanksgiving and renewed devotion to our Heavenly Father, who hath so abundantly blessed us.

Greenbush.^ In the year now closing we have drank of the brook in the way, and because of the refreshing draught do we lift up the head. Blessings that have been but gently distilled, have given us occasion to sing of the mercies of the Lord, and to hope that hereafter we may drink freely from the "river of his pleasures." Nine persons have been received on confession of faith in Jesus, four of whom are heads of families. Five have united by letter from sister churches, and a like number who had this testimony, that they pleased God, have been translated to the Church triumphant. The attendance on the Sabbath services has increased. The Sabbath school and prayer meeting are sustained with ordinary interest.

Taghkanic. The past year has been one of continued prosperity. The stated means of grace have been well attended and have been blessed both temporally and spiritually. A deep interest is felt in the Sabbath school, exhibited in good attendance and a careful preparation of the lessons. Five have been received from the Sunday school into the Church on confession of their faith in Christ.

The spirit of benevolence is on the increase, as is marked by the contributions to our Boards. As a Church we have much for which to be thankful and to give us courage for the future, while our earnest prayer is "O Lord, revive thy work."

The Livingston Reformed Church at Linlithgow, presents no rereport.

While this review of the year is characterized by no general manifestation of the Divine presence, there is yet occasion for gratitude, and legitimate reason to hope for better things.

The Rev. John W. Schenck has been received from the Presbytery of Lehigh, and installed Pastor of the First Church of Claverack.

T. S. DUSINBERRE, *Chairman.*

CLASSES OF KINGSTON.

The Classis of Kingston respectfully report on the state of religion in the Churches within their bounds, as follows:

The Clove.—No unusual interest in spiritual matters; general attendance upon means of grace increasingly large; Sabbath-school instruction blessed to the conversion of six of the scholars. The Church has placed itself out of debt.

Dashville.—Is in a healthy spiritual state, with increased in-

terest in the work of Missions, especially in the Sabbath-school, which retains its prosperity. Prayer meeting sustained, but not largely attended.

Churches of Hurley and North Marbletown.—Nothing special to report. Sabbath services rendered without interruption; prayer meetings well attended; Sabbath schools marked by unusual interest, especially in increased contributions.

Second Church of Kingston.—Church life during the past year marked by steady progress; attendance at the sanctuary materially increased; and the presence of the Spirit attested by an ingathering into the Church of twenty-one members on confession of faith, embracing a large proportion of young men. The Sabbath school was never more hopeful. Prayer meeting increasing in numbers and interest. Church debt diminished.

Marbletown.—This Church reports a broken year in its pastoral relation, by reason of which it has somewhat suffered in some departments of its prosperity. Now supplied with all the usual means of grace. Attendance at the Sanctuary good; Sabbath schools prosperous; prayer meetings encouraging, with an apparent deepening of religious feeling in the membership, and earnest attention to the preaching of the word.

New Paltz.—This Church reports an important enlargement of the church edifice, an improved financial system to meet the wants of the Church. The congregations have considerably increased in the improved Sanctuary. The Church enjoys a delightful peace, things inspiring the hope of increased spiritual prosperity.

Rochester has nothing special to report. Church attendance for the most part increasingly large, with apparent interest in hearing the word. A few are inquiring the way of life. Sabbath school attended with more than ordinary interest. Catechetical exercises promising good results.

St. Remy has nothing very encouraging to report. Without a settled pastor—through a stated supply they enjoy a preached word, and sustain a social prayer meeting and Sabbath school.

The Church of Sampsonville has removed the church building to a more eligible situation at Krumville, and secured a considerable subscription for its completion.

Rosendale.—Congregations large and attentive; prayer meetings well attended; Sabbath school kept up. In results spiritually there is nothing encouraging.

Guilford.—This Church has been without a pastor for some length of time. Harmony prevails in the Church. No additions have been made to the Church.

The foregoing synopsis contains not only the substance, but in every case, nearly the exact language of the several reports to Classis, reflecting the condition of the Churches within our bounds.

The general attendance upon the Sanctuary and social prayer meetings has been in advance of the preceding year. Sabbath schools generally exhibit a growing prosperity. The material interests of the Churches are receiving attention. The number of conversions from the world has advanced in some of the Churches beyond their last record, but in the aggregate is about the same as last year—still giving us cause for humiliation, and painfully to ask "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

A marked feature in the statistical reports, is the diminution in the amounts contributed for "Religious and Benevolent purposes," a difference of over one thousand dollars. Among the causes of which is undoubtedly the general closeness in financial matters, especially among the agricultural population. But whatever difference Providence makes in our pecuniary condition, it becomes us to cultivate the spirit of benevolence and contribute to the cause of Christ, according to our ability, that we may be able conscientiously to say, "*we have done what we could.*"

The spiritual condition of the Churches under the care of Classis inspires the prayer and hope that God will send us still greater prosperity.

The Rev. V. M. Hulbert has been received from the Classis of Westchester, and installed Pastor of the Church of Marbletown.

Respectfully submitted,

V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report: that they have examined the reports of the several Churches of our Classis, and find much to waken devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

Jamaica reports a healthy spiritual condition, though no special revival season has been enjoyed during the year. While we mourn the lack of keen spiritual zeal, yet on its human side, a high tone of vigor and life seems to pervade the Church.

Newtown reports: The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The church edifice has been vastly improved and beautified, and attendance upon church service greatly increased. The preaching of the Word has been accompanied with the manifestations of the blessed Spirit.

Oyster Bay communicates no special remarks on her spiritual condition. The Spirit of God is evidently present throughout the congregation. Both spiritual and temporal affairs are in a satisfactory state.

North Hempstead testifies that the past year has been one of prosperity. God's people have been earnest and active in the Master's service. Benevolent contributions have increased. The Divine Spirit is working upon the unconverted in a marked degree.

Williamsburg reports a year of steady and substantial prosperity. The Church is well organized for work. Unmistakable evidences exist of the pervading power of the Holy Ghost.

Astoria gratefully testifies that God has given them witness that He is the answerer of prayer. Five young persons, varying in age from fifteen to nineteen years, connected with the Sabbath-school, have united with the Church on profession of faith. The spirit of benevolence has been manifested in a note-worthy degree. The attendance on the services has been good, and a healthy state of prosperity pervades the Church.

Flushing. The Consistory report nothing of very marked interest beyond their statistics. Attendance on service is good, and the Sabbath-school has largly increased. The Church for a few months without the services of a Pastor, has again been supplied.

Greenpoint, being without a Pastor, makes no special report beyond her tabular statement.

South Bushwick Church says, that the year now ended has been one of both discouragement and encouragement, because the Church has seemed spiritually *lean*; of encouragement because of temporal prosperity. The Church debt has been largely wiped out, and without opposition the free pew system has been adopted and is working successfully. The church edifice has been renovated; services well attended.

East Williamsburg reports much the same as last year. The Rev. Wm. Ferris continues to supply the pulpit regularly with great satisfaction to the people.

Second Astoria and Second Newton, under one Pastor, report the ordinary statements with encouraging prospects.

Queens reports that the year has been one of quiet work and ordinary prosperity. Mention is made of some serious discouragements; the tone of piety is low. In some directions, however, increased effort has produced good results. The classical visitation has awakened considerable interest.

The German Evangelical of Williamsburg reports an overcrowded church and general prosperity.

Sayville also speaks of the blessing of God upon them.

Locust Valley reports a spirit of earnest life and zeal in the Kingdom of God, and a year without special incident.

College Point.—This young Church feels much encouraged in the work begun a year ago. "God has signally blessed us in both spiritual and temporal affairs. Interest in church affairs increases, and we hope for a flourishing Sabbath-school, as well as a strong Church. The new church edifice will be ready for dedication early in May."

It is the impression of the Committee that a very favorable state of affairs prevails throughout the Classis. While some general observations suggest themselves, the Committee add nothing further, save the remark that, while results are God's, labors are ours.

The following changes have taken place during the year: Mr. Gerrit Van Emmerick has been licensed and ordained and installed as pastor of the Church of Sayville. Mr. John Hart has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia as a licentiate, and ordained and installed as Pastor of the Church of Locust Valley. The Rev. O. E. Cobb has been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and installed Pastor of the Church of Flushing. The Pastoral relation between the Rev. E. S. Fairchild and the Church of Flushing has been dissolved, and also the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Alex. McKelvey and the Church of Greenpoint. And during the past year the Rev. Ira C. Boice has entered into rest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. VAN SLYKE, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on State of Religion of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report:

That we have examined the statistical tables and reports from the several churches of classes committed to us, and find occasion for expressions of joy and of deep humiliation and sorrow.

Several of the churches report no increase in families, membership, or in benevolent contributions during the past year, deaths and dismissions counter-ballancing all additions in membership; others report a small increase, and still others report an increased spirituality and progress truly encouraging. Harmony seems to pervade the churches, a faithful administration of the ordinances is observed and good attendance upon them. The Sabbath schools, the fountains of chief supply to the Church, seem to be flourishing and vigorously conducted.

We give brief extracts from the statements of the various Churches.

Brooklyn. Nothing calling for special mention has occurred, yet of the Lord's mercy they have reason as of old to sing. At the Memorial Chapel religious services have been marked with interest and encouraging indications of success.

Flatbush. As the fruits of the interest by special meetings, and the grace of God, some twelve came forward and made a public profession of faith in Christ. We would express our gratitude to the giver of all mercies, for the encouragement given us. The Mission is in a prosperous condition.

New Utrecht. Compared with last year, we have reason to rejoice in the addition of a large number to the Church on confession of faith. At present there are good indications of a revived interest among the people of God. The prayer meetings have increased in numbers and interest.

Gravesend. We feel as a Church that we have the greatest occasion for gratitude to God, and encouragement in the work before us, because of the season of spiritual refreshing we have enjoyed. The whole year has been a constant refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Since last report to Classis we have added thirty-nine, all but one on profession.

Flatlands. The condition of the Church of Flatlands continues

mainly as in former years. We mourn the small number added to the Church. Benevolent contributions fall a little below those of last year, and are less than they should be considering the ability of the Church.

East New York. The year just ended causes us to lament that there has been no real advance either in spiritual or temporal prosperity; no unusual religious interest nor any large accessions to the Church.

South Brooklyn. There has been no special visitation of the Spirit and no accession to the Church, either by certificate or on profession. The temporal and spiritual affairs are administered in the spirit of love and unity.

Middle Brooklyn. Has enjoyed during the past year the presence and favor of God. While there has been no special religious awakening, there has been a constant interest pervading the year, which has manifested itself in the large and regular attendance upon the Sabbath services and weekly meetings of the Church.

East Brooklyn. There has been this year, as last, a deep religious interest pervading the congregation. For several weeks previous to occupying the new edifice, extra meetings were held, and over twenty have been converted, indulging a good hope and connecting themselves with the Church. Seventy-three have been added to the Church in all; forty-one new families added to the congregation. The new edifice and parsonage have been built, and the former dedicated amid the acclimations of a rejoicing people, and beneath the smile of an approving God.

Twelfth Street. Spiritually, our condition is not as encouraging as we could wish, our total increase for the past year is small, being only seven, compared with our situation in a rapidly increasing population.

Church on the Heights. The attendance on the services of the Church is increasing. Weekly prayer meetings well attended and the interest apparently deepening. A number of persons from the Sabbath-schools have been gathered into the membership of the Church. While we cannot report anything like a general revival of religion, there are yet some encouraging evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in our congregation.

New Brooklyn. We acknowledge with grateful hearts the

many tokens of love received from our Heavenly Father. The temporal condition of this Church has never been so prosperous as at present. Not only have we been able to remove our debt during the past year, but we have also made necessary improvements in and about the church and parsonage without a new debt; and what is still more gratifying to us and to others, we have resolved that we ask aid no longer from the Board of Domestic Missions, but with the help of God, assume all the duties of a self-sustaining Church. We feel very grateful to Classis for the help extended to us in the past, and render our sincere thanks for the sympathy and aid this Church has received for so many years. Our services are well attended and new communicants have been received at each communion season.

Changes during the past year: Rev. R. G. Strong has been received from the Classis of Albany; Rev. J. A. Lansing, D.D. has been received from the Classis of Greene; Rev. David Ingliss, LL.D., has been received from the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada, and installed Pastor of the Church on the Heights; Rev. J. V. Griswold, Missionary Pastor of Bethany Chapel, has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Long Island; the pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Van Buren, for twenty years Pastor of New Lots, has been dissolved; Rev. Alex. E. Shaw has been received from the South Classis of Bergen; Rev. Alfred E. Myers was dismissed to the Classis of Westchester.

Respectfully submitted,

N. P. PIERCE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Church of New York speaks gratefully of the "efficient operation of all its Churches and Missions and Sabbath-schools, of the dedication of its new edifice, corner of 48th street and 5th Avenue, and remarks, "it is peculiarly grateful to mark among the people a very general attendance on ordinances, earnest attention to the preaching of the Word, and a spirit of peace and good-will; and among the office-bearers great unanimity, mutual sympathy, and cordial coöperation." At the same time announcement is made of the death of "a highly venerated Elder, and not a few of the most aged and honored members."

Harlem speaks of increasing Sabbath audiences, increasing interest in the preaching of the Word, increased numbers, and life in the prayer-meeting, greater sociability and harmony among the people, special activity in labors for the poor, and of the growing efficiency of its large Sabbath-school.

The South Church tells of a "year of unbroken peace and general prosperity"; "of deep affliction in many families"; of the loss of the Hon. John Slosson, for thirty-eight years an officer, yet amid all, "occasion to thank God for abundant mercy in the past, and to trust Him hopefully for the future."

The Church of Staten Island reports a quiet, steady interest manifested in religion, resulting in the accession of eleven members on profession of faith, and still continuing with the prospect of still greater ingathering. It also speaks of its Sabbath-schools as increasing in a marked degree, both in attendance and in interest; and likewise a marked increase of interest in the prayer-meetings and weekly lectures. This is one of the most cheering of the reports coming from the Churches.

Bloomingdale mentions the affliction of their beloved pastor, which necessitated a temporary suspension of his labors, yet tells of a steady manifestation of interest in the ordinances of the Sanctuary, which have been regularly maintained, and of the efficient labors of its Sabbath-school.

Madison Avenue reports growth of the congregation, steady though not rapid, an increase of thirty members, nearly one-half of them by confession, during the year a thrifty Sunday-school, and general encouragement in beginning its second ecclesiastical year in the new building

Thirty-fourth Street reports a very pleasant and hopeful state of things; the reception into full communion of a goodly number of the baptized members of the Church; new interest in the prayer-meeting; a prosperous Sabbath-school, and a plan of Systematic Beneficence for every regular Lord's-day service.

The German Evangelical Church recognizes the Divine favor in the earnest and sound preaching of the Word, the faithful Catechizing of the children, and the instruction of the youth, the regular attendance upon these divinely-appointed means by a goodly number, the peace and harmony between Pastor and people, and handsome additions to the Church.

St. Paul's Church reports that, notwithstanding disadvantageous circumstances, the total result of the year's work has been encouraging. It announces the acceptance by its pastor of a call to another field of labor, and the serious and critical state in which the Church is thereby placed.

The Church of Richmond reports no material change: a regular maintenance of services; a slightly increased attendance; a vigorous Sabbath-school at Gifford's, with an encouraging attendance at the Chapel.

The Church of Huguenots reports since the settlement of their pastor, Rev. F. M. Kip, D.D., tokens of good in increased attendance upon Divine worship, and interest in the welfare of the Church in the re-organization of the Sabbath-school with a large library, and the maintenance of a weekly prayer-meeting.

Fourth German speaks of sore trials and gracious deliverances; of the completion of their church edifice, to be dedicated at no distant day; of a fair prospect of future growth and prosperity; of the conversion of sinners, and peace and harmony.

Prospect Hill says that, under many discouragements and serious losses by death and removals, the Lord of His mercy has not refused us during the year some proofs of His presence.

The Holland Church reports four places in which the Gospel is preached; better attendance; more interest in religion; an improved spiritual condition; much good done for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom, and closes with a fervent appeal for a liberal response from those who love our Church, to a new effort now making to obtain a sanctuary. It is to be hoped that this appeal will meet with the prompt and ready response solicited. These, *emphatically our brethren*, cannot fail to find a warm place in our sympathies and prayers, and should have a large place in our liberality.

Brookfield, Ct., says they have suffered some loss by the temporary suspension of factories, yet reports a uniformly good attendance; increased interest in the prayer-meeting; the establishment of a ladies' prayer-meeting; an efficient Sabbath-school, and the faith and hope of the Church looking forward to the happy hour,

> When God will hear our cry,
> And send with a reviving power
> His Spirit from on high.

Mott Haven reports good attendance, harmony and good feeling; a pleasant spiritual state; a prosperous Sabbath-school, and good prospect of a new Church to grow out of the Mission Chapel at High-bridge.

This brief review awakens mingled emotions. We are called to gratitude and praise for the temporal prosperity and general harmony that characterize our Churches, and for the spiritual results achieved. We cannot too thankfully recognize the good hand of our God upon us.

Yet we find the question swelling in our hearts, Are the results commensurate with the means and the blessed promises of our Divine Master? We cannot but feel that "the sheaves" we have brought with us are too few. What then can be done? Have we the right to simply sit down and utter vain lamentations over our failure to accomplish greater things for souls and Christ? Are we straitened in God? Are we at liberty to ascribe our comparative smallness of result to the divine decretive Sovereignty, and exclaim when God pleases we shall have a different song to say? Not unto God, but unto ourselves must be ascribed the cause of what we lament. To us belong all the humiliation and shame. The ground covered by our Classis is the most important, not only in our Church, but in our entire country. The opportunities for work are numberless, and the demands imperative. Will it be considered inappropriate if your Committee suggest, Are we laboring *together* to meet these calls, as we should? Do we counsel together? Do we show practical sympathy with each other? Do we pray for and with each other? Cannot some method be devised by which our Ministers—and possibly our Elders also—and other brethren of our Church in the city and vicinity, may, at least once a month, see each other's faces, hear each other's voices, take each other by the hand and help each other in our great work? To be prosperous and successful, manifestly we must be a unit,—a body inspired by one purpose, fired by one desire, and zealous for one subject—the salvation of man through the instrumentality of Churches of our order and faith. Are we not now rather a number of isolated units, each using the hammer on his own little piece of granite, without any particular knowledge or attention as to what the rest are doing? Can we individually afford this? Can our Church afford it? Can souls for whom Christ died, afford it?

Can the great interests of the Kingdom of our Master afford that we, who are appointed guardians, should only meet for four or five hours in the Spring, rush through a formal routine of business, and then hurry back each to his own little hole in the rock, to go on hammering for another six months until the Fall, and then go through the same process, and keep this up year after year? Is it any wonder that our Ministers weep for lack of sympathy, and our Churches die for lack of coöperation?

Your Committee feel this to be an important matter, and to come legitimately under their survey in giving a narrative of the state of religion in our bounds. It is for Classis to determine whether any thing can be done to unify our Ministry and Churches in practical activity, and thus secure greater efficiency in our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Classical Report, submitted the following, which was read and adopted, viz:

They have received returns from the following Churches, viz: Brighton Heights, Church on Washington Square, Church of Bushwick, Church of Manhattan, Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, and the German Reformed Protestant Church, Norfolk Street. The Church of Bushwick reports that the past year has been to them severely trying on account of the removal by death of so many of their church members; that there has been an increased attendance upon the ministrations of the Sanctuary, and that the Sabbath-school is in a prosperous condition. The Union Reformed Church, 6th Avenue, are at present without a Pastor, but are permitted to state that they can testify to the presence of the Holy Spirit, by the fact that they have received during the year fifteen persons on confession of their faith. The Church of Manhattan have been deprived of the labors of a Pastor, but have had the services of the Rev. Mr. Willis, and are permitted to report an addition of twenty-one to their membership, during the year. They regret, however, that they are compelled to apply to Classis for a dissolution of their Church. The church edifice being on leased ground, and their rent increased from $210 to $2,500, they feel

unable to continue their organization. The German Reformed Church report that a large number of young people are instructed by the Pastor in the Heidelbergh Catechism twice a week, and that the basement of their church is filled every Sabbath with the young flock in attendance on their Sunday-school. The Church of Brighton Heights have been happy in receiving the Rev. William T. Enyard as their Pastor, his services having been transferred from the North Brooklyn Reformed Church to Staten Island. The Rev. Messrs. Macaulay, Mattice, and Wiggins presented very interesting reports of their labors during the past year. The Rev. Dr. Macaulay has been dismissed to connect himself with the Classis of Newark, and the Rev. Mr. Timlow to "Hartford South Association." The state of the several Churches will be further shown by the accompanying statistical tables.

M. S. HUTTON,
J. M. MACAULAY,
MALCOLM McLEOD, } *Committee.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

With a few exceptions the tone of the Reports from the Churches is desponding: no special religious interest having been experienced. Some of them simply present the bald statistical table, the view of which like that which greeted the Prophet Ezekiel in the Valley of Vision, is exceeding dry. The Churches from the showing in these reports, are brought very low, mourning the absence of God's converting grace, and humbly looking up to Him with the cry of "Lord, revive us." We are taught our entire dependence on Sovereign mercy, and the pressing need of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. May we not hope that the lowest ebb has been reached, and that the tide will soon begin to rise? God hath not forgotten to be gracious. He is waiting for His Church to put on her armor and gird herself for the conflict with irreligion. It is good for a man both to hope quietly and wait for the salvation of the Lord. If the vision tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not tarry.

It is refreshing to turn to those Churches which have been favored with a blessing from on high. Such has been the case with Bloomingburgh and the Churches under the care of Bro. Elterich,

while Fallsburgh and Wallkill Valley in their weakness report an encouraging accession.

The total number added to the Churches on confession is 175.

The temporal condition of the Churches is generally encouraging. Judging from the amount contributed for congregational purposes, a commendable degree of liberality has been displayed. The plea for aid for the struggling Walkill Valley Church is pressed upon the attention of Classis.

The Boards of our Church have received attention, and their claims have been responded to in some instances with great generosity.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Nearly a year ago, the venerable father of Classis, Rev. J. B. Ten Eyck, after a ministry of over half a century, fell on sleep and was taken home to his reward; Rev. L. L. Comfort has been installed as his successor, over the Church of Berea.

Rev. A. B. Van Zandt having been elected Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in our Seminary at New Brunswick, has been released from the charge of the Church of Montgomery.

Rev. A. F. Todd has been received from the Classis of Passaic, and installed over the Church of Bloomingburgh.

Rev. W. E. Turner has been dismissed from the Church of Grahamville, and installed over the Church of Minnisink.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. LIPPINCOTT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The Reports of the Churches of the Classis are cheerful and hopeful; and contain much to encourage those who love Zion and pray for her prosperity.

While no church has been favored with any special work of grace, yet each one has had accessions to its membership from the world.

The Sabbath-schools have the attention and interest which their importance to the salvation of the young, and to the present and future welfare of churches demand, and are prosperous.

An encouraging feature of the reports of the churches is the wise liberality which has been shown in improving their church edifices and other property, thus increasing their influence and ability to do the Master's work at home, and more for his cause abroad.

While some of the churches, owing to demands on their liberality at home, have done less than usual for foreign objects, yet the contributions for benevolent purposes have been liberal, and some of the churches have exceeded their former benevolence.

The Church of Hopewell. No report has been received from this Church.

The First Church of Poughkeepsie reports: The proportion of deaths both in the Church and out has been unusually large. The additions to the Church have been lamentably few. The Sunday-school operations are still carried on efficiently. The Parsonage has been repaired. Repairs have also been required in the church edifice, and the expense thus incurred has diminished somewhat the amount contributed for benevolent purposes.

The Second Church of Poughkeepsie reports: The preaching of the Word has been attended with a measure of the Spirit's power. Some have believed and professed their faith; others seem near the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fishkill reports: The condition of our Church is prosperous. We have enjoyed no marked season of revival, but the accessions to the membership have been steady and gradual.

Glenham reports: Materially God has prospered this little Church. Debts have been paid, and additions made to church property. Our spiritual growth is not what we could wish it to be. There has been increasing interest in the Prayer-meeting, and our Sabbath-school is much enlarged, and is managed efficiently.

The Mission work at Tioronda is prospering.

The report of New Hackensack states: We have not been without tokens of the Master's blessing. Prayer-meetings have been sustained, and the means of grace well attended. Fourteen have been added to the membership of this Church on confession of their faith.

Rhinebeck states: The Sabbath services are comparatively well attended, and the preached Gospel is heard with interested attention. The Prayer-meetings are well-attended by those who know the worth of prayer. The Sabbath-school is kept up, with an earn-

estness that shows a general interest in the work. More than usual contributed to different objects of benevolence in our own and foreign lands.

Fishkill-on-Hudson says: We are unable to report large accessions to our membership from the world, yet we can bear testimony to the outpouring of God's Spirit upon his people. The Sabbath-school is in a prosperous condition. The church edifice has been thoroughly repaired and the interior tastefully decorated.

Cold Spring reports an addition of four on confession of their faith, and encouraging liberality.

Millbrook reports: The additions to its membership have been comparatively small, though we have still to record our devout recognition of the Divine mercy in adding to us ten souls upon the confession of their faith.

The Church of Hyde Park states: We have much to be thankful for. Harmony prevails. Seven members have been received on the confession of their faith. The Sabbath-school has faithful teachers, and an encouraging interest is felt in it. We have enlarged and improved our Parsonage, and in doing this we feel that we have promoted the interest of our Church, and saved souls.

The pastoral relation between the Church of Hopewell, and Rev. O. E. Cobb, has been dissolved, Mr. Cobb having been dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island. Rev. J. Elmendorf has been received from the Classis of Albany and installed over the Second Church of Poughkeepsie.

HENRY DATER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

From examination of the several reports of the Churches of the Classis there appears nothing of special religious interest, yet is there a gradual increase of membership both by profession and certificate. A marked interest however, in the temporalities of the Churches, is very manifest in them all. Order, harmony and united effort appear also to characterise them all.

According to the custom of this Classis, the Committee present the following from the reports of the churches.

From the Church of Yonkers. We gratefully report continued unity of feeling and action. During the year, our people have

taken another step in the direction of progress, by renovating the church building and grounds. We have a very comfortable church and parsonage both Since the renovation of the church, the attendance upon the Sabbath services and its weekly meetings has been growing apace, and what is of immeasurably greater moment, a manifestly increased spiritual interest has sprung up. New inquirers are numerous and multiplying. We have, we feel, solid reasons for expecting the happiest results from the labors of the past, which seem to be taking form, by the blessing of God, in a precious work of grace.

From Greenville Church. The Word has been regularly preached and the weekly Prayer-meeting continued. The Sabbath-school has been kept up through the winter, and all the usual means of grace have been well observed. Nevertheless the state of religious feeling has evidently been very low and very little visible fruit has followed our labors. In regard to the temporal affairs of the Church a commendable interest has been manifested, in consequence of which the church edifice has been greatly improved by an extension of ten feet, a belfry and spire, a bell, a basement-room for the Sabbath-school, and the whole building painted without and within at an expense of $3,700, exclusive of the bell, a gift of a lady of the Church.

From Church of West Farms. The past has been a year both of trial and encouragement, of trial in the loss of two Elders with their families, who have moved away, and of encouragement to be found in the state of our Prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school, both of which are well sustained and give promise of the Holy Spirit's presence. The additions to the Church have been from the Sabbath-school, while several others we believe have been converted and will soon be numbered among God's people.

From the Church of Mount Vernon. The year has been one of prosperity. The congregation entered upon the use of their new and beautiful edifice May 28th, 1872. The immediate result of more commodious and convenient accomodations has been an increase in the stated congregations, twenty-five new families having been added over all losses by removal, during the year. The accessions to the membership both by confession and certificate are larger than in any previous year of the history of this Church. A floating debt under a system of weekly contributions will have van-

ished away in a few weeks. The Monthly Children's Service of the Church has been continued throughout this year as last. The Sunday-school has never been in a more flourishing condition. Altogether the Consistory feel much encouraged, and grateful for past goodness, hope for even larger prosperity in the year to come.

From Church of Unionville. But little change has taken place in the Church and congregation during the past year. We have the same number of families and the same number of members. The attendance on the services of the Sanctuary has been the same as heretofore, the contributions to religious and benevolent objects have varied but little from those of the preceding year. The severity of the past winter has prevented the holding of any extra services and no special religious interest has been manifested.

From Church of Melrose. The general attendance in the house of God in the morning is very good, but the afternoon service and weekly lecture is very slenderly attended. We cannot say much of the spiritual advancement of our members, there is want of zeal in the service of God. Although the form of godliness has been observed, a great many that profess to be Christians are so only in name. We have also others that have a real desire for Christ, and strive to walk in his way. Five families have been added to the Church. Peace and harmony still exist. Our Sunday-school still keeps up its work, the children are regular in their attendance and seem to show great interest in the school. The Pastor catechizes the children twice a week. A Bible class is taught and a Monthly-meeting of the teachers is held.

From the Church of Fordham. Though we have no special religious interest to report, yet our accessions to the Church have been with but two exceptions from the world, and all these save one from our youth. The instruction of these youthful members in the matter Christian progress, as intimately connected with their personal piety and their usefulness and efficiency in the Church, has claimed the special attention of the Pastor, as have also the catechizing and instruction of the youth in general in our Sabbath-school. Of those added to our communion, four were from the Sabbath-school. Manifest and satisfactory results have followed the instruction and government of our School the past year. The Word and ordinances have been regularly preached and observed. Some of the Boards of our Church have been liberally remembered,

and the financial state of our Church is good. Order, harmony and peace still continue throughout our Church and congregation.

From the First Church of Tarrytown. We believe the year has been one of advance, and we have great reason to feel encouraged. There has been no special occasion of religious services, but what is better, there has been a gradual and natural growth. In the temporal affairs of the Church a good deal of interest has been shown, and the Church has been well sustained. While we record with thankfulness our temporal prosperity, our prayer is for greater spiritual prosperity.

From the Church of Hastings. The number who during the past year have united with the Church has exceeded that of any year for a long time past. At present there is no particular religious interest. The Church during the past few weeks has raised $5,000 in order to pay off a mortgage which has been held upon the parsonage grounds the last five years.

The other Churches have only presented their statistics.

The following are the charges which have occurred the past year.

The Rev. W. Roosevelt has been released from the Church of Bronxville, Rev. J. Searle from the Church of Peekskill and dismissed to the Presbytery of North River, Rev. G. N. Snyder has died, and Mr. W. J. Hill has been ordained to the work of the Ministry.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRUSH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R. A. P.	R. A. P.	
Arcot and 5 out stations	Rev. John Scudder	67	13	13	19	2	..	68	5	14	62	6	101	626 12 0	.....	Arcot, Madras Presidency, Ind.
Arnee " 3 "	Rev. E. C. Scudder	80	2	....	...	1	...	54	8	4	8	4	84	341 6 0	.....	Arnee, "
Vellambi	"	17	..	....	..	....	..	36	3	....	....	1	13	10 11 9		
Modayur	"	4	...	....	...	....	...	4	....	...	7	1	7	8 8 0		
Maritambadi	"	11	...	....	...	3	...	14	2	....	....	1	20	13 1 0		
Alliandal	"	10	..	....	..	..	...	20	....	....	....	....	....	11 0 5		
Orattur and 7 villages	"	70	2	....	..	..	..	73	14	6	23	4	49	50 8 4		
Chittoor and 8 out stations	Rev. J. W. Scudder	107	20	8	9	...	3	81	7	1	6	8	151	305 9 7		
Coonoor and out station of Kotagiri	Rev. L. John	58	...	1	1	4	5	67	3	..	6	..	.....	77 0 8½	94 14 9	Coonoor, Madras Presid'y, Ind.
Gnanodiam and 1 out station	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	25	2	5	6	...	...	52	8	6	1	1	15	36 5 0	.....	Gnanodiam, "
Sattambadi and 2 villages	"	18	2	....	4	1	3	40	1	1	20	1	12	28 15 0		
Mudnapilly & 20 out stations	Rev. I. Chamberlain	216	3	13	4	...	2	37	10	3	413	5	70	381 14 1	.....	Mudnapilly, Madras Pres., Ind.
Palamanair and 1 out station	"	16	...	....	2	1	...	14	4	5	5	1	7	20 4 0	.....	" "
Vellore	Rev. W. W. Scudder,	70	6	12	19	..	2	32	4	1	6	3	107	486 6 6	.....	America.
Kattupadi and 3 villages	"	32	2	1	...	...	...	32	8	2	29	3	45	36 4 8	.....	"
Kandipatur and 1 village	"	13	7	1	...	...	...	27	5	6	18	2	35	27 0 6	.. ..	"
Shikadu "	"	20	7	....	..	....	1	37	6	7	9	2	16	24 1 6	.....	"
	Total	779	66	54	64	12	16	738	88	56	618	48	682	2435 13 0½	94 14 9	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. I. Heeren. Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., in America. Rev. S. Ettirajoolo, *Candidates.*—V. Yesudian. M. I. Israel.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	126	9	3	2	...	3	250	8	1	60	3	128	$516 81	$11,200 01	Jamaica, L. I
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	128	7	..	2	...	2	204	9	5	150	2	178	950	7,727 75	Newtown. " "
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	6	.	.	.	6	112	5	3	.	2	185	269 12	1,488 09	East Norwich, " "
North Hempstead	Wm E. Davis	90	12	1	5	...	1	120	3	7	50	1	110	265 38	1,640 48	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	325	14	7	3	...	5	447	11	2	.	2	660	.. ....	.....	Brooklyn, E. D., " "
Astoria	W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.)	62	7	.	.	...	4	109	8	1	60	1	142	935 10	2,911 21	Astoria, " "
Flushing	O. E Cobb	98	4	8	7	...	.	191	1	2	172	1	173	354	2,544	Flushing, " "
Greenpoint	Vacant	129	15	13	20	...	3	358	16	2	.	1	492	427 69	11,035 68	Greenpoint. " "
South Bushwick	G. D Hulst	95	1	7	5	...	1	156	7	1	.	1	250	286	7,420 ..	21 Grove St., Brooklyn, " "
Lee Avenue	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	...	...	...	....	.....	" "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	70	16	...	...	...	2	154	52	.	15	1	90	.....	1,400	Astoria, " "
East Williamsburg*	Vacant	80	3	...	2	...	...	21	....	2	50	1	100	286 75	416 75	Maspeth, " "
Second Newtown	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	35	6	..	..	..	..	52	3	....	8	2	25	....	200	Astoria, " "
Queens	Thomas Nichols	70	7	2	...	...	1	102	6	4	...	1	130	150	1,800	Queens, " "
Ger' Ev. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	236	26	4	3	...	6	444	165	2	260	1	460	164	1.577 81	315 Gragam Ave. B'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	37	...	4	...	4	1	45	2	...	.	4	68	150	350	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	John Hart	45	7	1	...	...	...	26	4	7	100	1	58	21 88	1.242	Glencove, " "
College Point	E. S Fairchild†	31	1	6	...	...	...	25	5	..	12	....	.	. . ....	40,000	College Point, " "
	Total	1697	151	56	49	1	35	2810	304	39	937	24	3185	$4,726 18	$92,910 45	

Ministers without Charge—E. R Atwater, Brooklyn, E.D., N. Y. A. C. Hillman, Williamsburgh, L. I P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y., Lewis G. Bingham, New Brunswick, N J. E. S. Fairchild, † Pastor Elect, College Point, L. I. Alexander McKelvey, in Europe.

Candidates.—Wm. Ferris, 34 Vesey Street, New York. * Supplied by Licentiate Wm. Ferris.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	200	11	7	13	...	8	396	9	4	300	2	600	$11,745 16	...	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	15	8	1	5	..	265	18		150	1	322	†11,551 04	$8,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	R. G. Strong	62	4	...	..	...	1	28	8	2	.....	1	74	75	...	"
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen (s. c.)	95	7	4	8	...	5	202	16	1	100	3	382	1,313 09	3,437	New Utrecht "
Gravesend	Austin P. Stockwell	130	38	1	...	...	1	208	11	6	163	2	168	556 41	2,884 16	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	2	1	8	...	2	165	5	....	80	2	190	890	2,000	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Vacant	70	1	1	2	..	5	122	9	....	...	...	50	271 58	...	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	65	2	7	4	...	1	115	3	....	100	1	200	1,079 75	2,846 70	" "
South Brooklyn	John H. Manning	48	0	0	...	...	1	66	6	....	50	1	90	343 88	1,459 17	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	287	8	30	12	...	8	*489	16	....	304	2	520	1,468 58	17,114 88	" "
Twelfth Street	Nehemiah P. Pierce	125	10	7	7	2	1	248	12	6	70	1	425	300	5,300	" "
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	125	20	27	30	...	5	*381	7	2	112	2	504	8,890 55	10,950 24	" "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	85	38	..	...	...	1	218	76	.	40	1	135	52	1,765 57	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	165	86	85	1	...	2	282	7	11	190	1	220	205	5,671	Brooklyn, "
	Total	1,672	192	128	117	7	42	3180	208	82	1,664	20	3,880	$38,724	$55,999 65	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, 84 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Secretary Board of Domestic Missions, 84 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Julius Hones, 209 Stockton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China. Rev. J. A. Lansing, D.D., Secretary Board of Publication, 84 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel

* Revised list. † Including Centennial contributions since April 1, 1872.

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Collegiate, New York	Thomas De Witt	.....	...	..	...	...	...	....	..	...	....	.....	....	.....	.....	55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye	....	...	....	...	...	...	....	..	...	.....	.	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th Street, "
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)	.. .	...	....	...	...	...	....	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th Street, "
	James M. Ludlow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	116 West 48th Street, "
	William Ormiston	600	76	60	39	...	36	1634	30	11	1510	7	2450	$32,516 18	.....	158 East 27th Street, "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	185	5	13	12	...	3	261	5	1	250	1	.....	2,570 10	.....	327 East 124th Street, "
South New York	E. P. Rogers	185	11	4	14	...	4	474	10	3	...	3	700	9,379 49	$20,000	42 West 27th Street, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	11	1	*26	...	6	319	18	6	450	2	450	1,100 50	4,028	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	80	3	1	1	..	1	77	5	1	75	1	.....	.....	.....	816 West 52d Street, N. Y.
Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse	.....	14	16	...	...	...	...	5	3	90	1	115	731 66	9,678 62	707 Lexington Avenue, "
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	258	18	8	21	...	11	556	25	10	200	1	266	2,158	9,017	344 West 32d Street, "
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	200	67	1	7	...	8	578	36	....	80	1	550	3,490 60	4,180 75	82 Second Street, "
St. Paul's	.....	....	5	1	2	...	3	...	16	....	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	23	.	...	6	...	1	44	2	...	.....	1	50	15	455 69	Richmond, S. I.
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	130	8	5	1	...	2	185	8	6	150	1	300	525	4,250	Mott Haven,
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	....	1	6	...	...	...	42	4	1	....	1	68	186 97	200	Sea Side, S. I.
Fourth German	John H Oerter	48	12	2	3	...	...	161	22	....	17	1	110	147 95	1,069 95	258 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	70	6	2	12	...	2	140	11	....	210	1	262	1,116 58	2,542 47	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	5	6	5	..	5	86	5	....	...	...	....	86 54	302	232 Eighth Avenue, "
Brookfield, Conn	Ransford Wells	38	2	2	2	...	...	39	2	..	30	1	70	85	800	Brookfield, Connecticut,
	Total	2062	244	128	151	...	82	4596	194	42	3067	28	5891	$54,071 62	$56,974 48	

Ministers without Charge.—Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D., Roselle, N. J. Charles Whitehead, Chaplain, Roosevelt Hospital. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point, N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South Fifth Street, Williamsburg, L. I. C. M. Jamcson, Somerville, N. J. E. S. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

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Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	74	...	...	2	...	...	184	6	....	200	.....	160	$111 74	$4,842 76	Brighton, S I.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	93	7	...	14	..	2	207	6	1	145	2	145	3,264	4,679	New York City.
Manhattan	Vacant	42	19	2	2	...	...	71	11	..	75	.....	175	110	1,700	
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (s. c.)	68	8	5	8	..	7	208	89	1	70	1	150	245	1,870	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	Vacant		15	3	12	...	..	217	4	6	175	.....	125	251 78	3,741 70	
German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	226	26	1	..	...	7	400	89	....	80	....	500	1,290	2,665	New York City.
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch	Vacant	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	....	....	.....	.....	... .	.....	.....	
	Total	498	75	11	38	...	16	1287	155	8	745	3	1,955	$5,872 52	$19,498 46	

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Collegiate, New York	Thomas De Witt	.....	...	..	...	...	...	....	.	...	....	.....	....	.....	.....	55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
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	James M. Ludlow	.....	...	....	...	...	...	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116 West 48th Street, "
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Madison Avenue	H. D. Ganse	....	14	16	...	...	...	...	5	3	95	1	115	731 66	9,678 62	707 Lexington Avenue, "
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St. Paul's	.....	....	5	1	2	...	3	...	16	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	23	..	...	6	...	1	44	2	...	....	1	50	15	455 69	Richmond, S. I.
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	130	8	5	1	...	2	185	8	6	150	1	300	525	4,250	Mott Haven, "
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	....	1	6	...	...	...	42	4	1	....	1	68	158 97	200	Sea Side, S. I.
Fourth German	John H Oerter	48	12	2	3	...	...	161	22	....	17	1	110	147 95	1,069 95	256 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	70	6	2	12	...	2	140	11	....	210	1	262	1,116 58	2,542 47	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	5	6	5	..	5	86	5	....	....	....	....	86 54	802	232 Eighth Avenue, "
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German Ref. P. Church	H. A. Friedel	226	26	1			7	400	89		80		500	1,800	2,665	New York City.
North Brooklyn Ref. Ch	Vacant															
	Total	498	75	11	38		16	1287	155	8	745	8	1,255	$5,372 52	$19,498 46	

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Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

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Berea	Laurence L. Comfort	60	7	3	1	...	1	69	..	...	36	.. ..	87	$97 79	$2,008 79	Montgomery, N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Augustus F. Todd	*74	14	3	10	...	5	*102	..	6	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon	William Elterich	108	21	5	4	...	...	186	39	....	17	....	90	27 50	432 25	Callicoon, "
Claryville	Vacant	†25	...	...	...	...	...	19	...	...	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	Claryville, "
Cuddebackville	William E. Bogardus	56	3	1	3	...	1	44	..	....	58	.....	42	99 80	817 76	Cuddebackville, "
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	162	6	3	6	...	5	218	6	3	150	.....	225	1,228 66	3,588 81	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley, (s.q.)	100	4	2	‡14	...	4	242	7	1	12	...	150	300 32	980	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	98	10	1	...	...	1	122	4	6	12	.....	55	415	2,828 94	Woodbourne, "
Fremont	William Elterich	50	9	1	6	...	1	118	11	....	.....	.....	...	3	140	Callicoon, "
Grahamville	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	2	100	...	....	.....	...	55	.....	100	Grahamville, "
Jeffersonville	William Elterich	45	28	.	5	...	.	96	27	1	6	....	30	3	167 75	Jeffersonville, "
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	2	...	...	...	1	80	5	.	.....	.....	125	22	575	Kerhonkson, "
Mamakating	Edward G. Ackerman	70	...	2	3	...	...	67	.....	...	18	.....	60	25	660	Wurtsboro, "
Minnisink	William E. Turner	50	4	2	1	...	1	58	.....	4	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	Vacant	176	2	1	2	...	4	314	11	...	100	.....	.....	1,315	2,000	Montgomery, N. Y.
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	220	11	2	17	2	6	382	12	3	350	.....	250	1,100	7,800	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	R. H. Beattie	110	4	5	6	...	4	158	8	1	.....	.....	.....	244	645	New Hurley, "
New Prospect	John A. Staats, S. S.	80	7	....	2	...	5	131	2	2	90	.....	150	.....	.....	Ulsterville, "
North Branch	William Elterich	40	11	....	3	...	3	65	19	...	7	.....	40	3	98 05	Callicoon, "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	150	9	1	5	...	4	261	10	2	75	....	125	186 49	1,125	Bruynswick, "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	100	8	2	9	...	1	190	12	...	90	....	100	500	1,500	Walden, "
Wallkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	75	9	17	...	...	2	66	5	1	15	.....	45	66 64	3,000	Shawangunk, "
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	65	3	4	2	...	2	68	1	1	20	....	112	.....	.. ..	Dingmans, Pa
Walpack, Lower	J. F. Shaw	100	1	...	4	...	1	160	3	..	50	.....	130	57	1,044	Bushkill, "
Wawarsing	James R. Talmage	190	2	1	1	1	4	141	1	...	169	.. .	116	229 80	1,289 08	Napanoch, N. Y.
	Total	2,154	165	56	104	3	58	3277	188	31	1,275	.....	2,187	$5,984	$30,987 88	

Ministers without Charge.—C. Scott, Holland, Mich. John A. Staats, Goshen, N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh Pa. Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, N. Y. * Revised list. † Last report. ‡ 11 to the new church, Wilcox, Pa.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

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First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson	190	2	10	9	..	15	410	1	..	104	.....	282	$1,588 54	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	125	8	6	6	...	1	251	5	2	80	....	120	1,893 89	.....	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	98	10	2	1	...	4	162	1	5	120	...	75	524 82	$4,000	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Vacant	115	...	...	...	...	...	258								
New Hackensack	H. Ward	116	14	2	9	...	3	151	5	8	40	...	200	352 55	1,300	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	4	2	2	...	1	294	1	3	100	....	60	708 90	2,634	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	4	3	4	...	3	194	7	2	.....	...	150	655 65	4,552 04	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H Dater	80	7	1	3	...	2	170	5	1	...	.....	60	85	1,949 14	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	J. Scudder, S. S	55	2	2	3	...	1	64	3	2	.....	...	113	360	1,250	Glenham "
Cold Spring	Vacant	27	4	.....	.....	.....	...	28	...	2	.....	...	33	.....	1,158 26	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	100	10	...	2	...	1	122	5	8	...	.....	125	1,684 60	2,150	Washington, "
	Total	1161	65	28	39	...	31	2294	33	33	444	.....	1168	$7,796 45	$18,398 46	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. Vedder, Greenbush. Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. Harrison Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Leipzig, Germany.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

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Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pelham, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Brush	64	6	2	1	...	...	77	2	1	25	....	70	$300	$2,446 48	Fordham, "
Greenburg	Vacant	40	....	...	3	1	...	34	....	...	28	.....	30	15	249	White Plains, "
Greenville	John H. Pitcher	32	1	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	20	.....	30	35	4,088 66	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	104	16	3	2	...	2	162	2	1	...	.....	150	1,284 77	3,054 61	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	George Windemuth	58	5	7	5	...	...	106	25	...	40	...	135	67	1,178 27	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s.c.)	107	13	21	6	...	2	156	10	...	170	.....	170	256 65	5,985 45	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Vacant	68	8	2	1	...	...	118	4	4	65	.....	110	224 89	3,100	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	125	4	7	4	...	5	244	7	...	125	...	167	762 88	7,211	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	9	19	12	..	9	302	7	3	60	.....	100	1,718 47	4,216 45	Tarrytown "
Unionville	Laurence H. Van Dyck	54	2	...	...	...	2	48	..	1	20	.....	30	119 70	600	Neperan "
West Farms	John Simonson	65	3	...	8	...	...	69	6	...	35	.....	70	2,347 42	1,637 99	West Farms, "
White Plains	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	White Plains, "
Yonkers	David Cole	135	11	8	10	...	6	217	18	8	342	.....	342	1,907 64	10,051 90	Yonkers, "
	Total	942	77	69	52	1	26	1568	84	12	980	.....	1404	$8,989 88	$50914 81	

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau St., N. Y. A. Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y.
Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR YEAR 1873.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd		Now in Communion.	BAP.		No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	By Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		No. of S. Schools.	Total No. Scholars	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Classis of Arcot	10	13	2	676	66	54	738	88	56	618	43	6821	$1,242 42	$47 29	Jacob Chamberlain,
Classis of Hudson	10	13	..	1076	100	45	1810	64	44	190	...	1777	3,072 81	19,689 19	Edwin Holmes,
Classis of Kingston	13	10	..	1408	55	42	2095	67	26	686		2297	3,866 55	38,801 89	Philip Peltz,
N. Classis of Long Island	18	23	1	1697	151	56	2810	805	89	982	24	3185	4,726 18	92,910 45	William H. Ten Eyck,
S. Classis of Long Island	13	19	.	1692	192	128	3180	205	32	1664	19	3889	38,724	55,999 66	David S. Sutphen,
Classis of New York	16	31		2062	244	128	4596	194	42	3067	23	5891	54,071 62	59,974 48	Talbot W. Chambers,
South Classis of New York	7	8	1	498	75	11	1287	155	8	785	8	1255	5,372 52	19,497 46	S. H. Meeker,
Classis of Orange	25	23	.	2154	165	56	3277	183	31	1275	...	2137	5,984	30,987 88	Edward W. Bentley,
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	16	..	1161	65	28	2294	38	38	444	....	1168	7,798 45	18,898 47	Acmon P. Van Gieson,
Classis of Westchester	15	14	2	942	77	69	1588	84	13	980	...	1404	8,989 38	50,914 82	Mancius H. Hutton,
Total	188	170	6	13346	1190	617	23670	1878	324	10296	112	29965	$133,297 88	$387,717 56	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report. They have examined the Books of Minutes of the several Classes except Poughkeepsie, which was not presented and find them correctly kept.

They find on the Minutes of the Classis of New York, an overture ordered to be made to the Particular Synod, but no such overture has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. Your Committee recommend that the overture as recorded on their book be considered as a communication to the Synod and be referred to the Committee on Overtures. On the Book of Minutes of the South Classis of New York we find a minute referring to the same subject, which we recommend should be treated in like manner.

Your Committee find that the following Churches have answered *No* to the following of the Constitutional Questions.

Classis of Hudson, to the 2d Question the Churches of Hudson, Claverack, Linlithgo, Germantown. 7th Question, Hudson, Claverack, Linlithgo, Greenport, Germantown, Taghkanic.

Classis of Kingston, the Church of Rosendale, 2nd Question.

North Classis of L. I. 2nd Question, the Churches of Jamaica, Newtown, North Hempstead. Williamsburgh, South Bushwick, Queens, Locust Valley. 3d Question, College Point.

South Classis of L. I. 5th Question, New Lots.

Classis of Orange, 4th Question, Cuddebackville. 2nd Question, Ellenville, Kerhonkson, Minnisink, Newburgh, Shawangunk, Walden.

Classis N. Y. 2nd Question, 34th Street, Madison Avenue, Richmond, Huguenots, Bronxville. 3d Question, Richmond, South Church N. Y. 6th Question, Dr. Chambers.

Classis of Westchester, 7th Question, Bronxville, Fordham, Greenville, 1st Tarrytown, Unionville, West Farms.

Your Committee also find that Rev. J. W. Schenck has been received by the Classis of Hudson, from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Mr. Garret Van Emerick, has been licensed, ordained and installed by the North Classis of Long Island.

That Mr. John Hart has been received, ordained and installed at Sayville, by the North Classis of L. I.

That Mr. W. J. Hill has been ordained by the Classis of Westchester.

And that in each of these cases no report has been made to the Synod by the Deputati. Your Committee recommend that the Synod enjoin it upon the several Deputati to make careful and full reports of their official action.

Your Committee would call the attention of the Classes to the fact which many seem to have overlooked, that the column of No. in Bible Instruction has been dropped from the Statistical Tables and the number of Sabbath-schools substituted for it, that the colum of Average Attendance has been changed to that of No. Scholars.

E. W. BENTLY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to report:

That they have considered the overtures from the Classis of N. Y., and the Minutes from the South Classis of New York, referred to them relative to the union of the two Classes into one. They are of opinion that the object contemplated is of the highest importance to the interests of our Church in the City of New York. It seems also, to your Committee, that the great advantages of the union would be with the South Classis of N. Y. Yet it is manifest from the records that great diversity of views exist. It appears that the Classis of N. Y. is unanimously in favor of the Union, and the South Classis unanimously opposed. Your Committee do not think it would be expedient for the Particular Synod to arbitrarily decree the union in opposition to the wishes of the South Classis. They therefore recommend,

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod the union contemplated should be effected at an early day, with a setting apart of the

churches on Long Island to the respective Classes of Long Island, to which they geographically belong.

Resolved, That the South Classis be directed to reconsider their action, with a view to giving their consent to the union, for the sake of the general interest of the cause of our Church in the City of New York, and vicinity.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

On motion the President appointed a committee consisting of one member from each Classis, which Committee reported the following names of persons to fill the office of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., on the terms specified, for confirmation by General Synod.

To serve four years.

Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., from Classis of Kingston.

Elder Gardner A. Sage, from Classis of New York.

To serve three years.

Rev. C. L. Wells, from South Classis of Long Island.

Elder Jonathan Sturges, from Classis of New York.

To serve two years.

Rev. John W. Schenck, from Classis of Hudson.

Elder J. N. Brinckerhoff, from South Classis of Long Island.

To serve one year.

Rev. E. W. Bentley, from Classis of Orange.

Elder Sanford Cobb, from Classis of Westchester.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STRICT EXAMINATIONS.

The following report was received from Deputatus Synodi, approved, and ordered printed.

To the Particular Synod of New York.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that as Deputatus Synodi he was present at a meeting of the South Classis of Long Island, held Oct. 21st, 1872, when upon a satisfactory examination the Rev. David Inglis, LL.D., of the Presbytery of Canada, was received into said Classis.

Newtown, May 1st, 1873.

CHARLES I. SHEPHERD.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed.

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Primarius, J. S. Himrod; *Secundus*, H. V. S. Myers.

Classis of Kingston.—Primarius, Chs. H. Stitt; *Secundus*, P. Peltz.

North Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, J. G. Van Slyke; *Secundus*, C. I. Shepherd.

South Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, J. Kimball; *Secundus*, A. P. Stockwell.

Classis of New York.—Primarius, J. M. Ludlow; *Secundus*, H. DuBois.

South Classis of New York.—Primarius, W. T. Enyard; *Secundus*, S. H. Meeker.

Classis of Orange.—Primarius, M. V. Schoonmaker; *Secundus*, W. S. Brown.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Primarius, C. W. Frits; *Secundus*, A. P. Van Gieson.

Classis of Westchester.—Primarius, M. H. Hutton; *Secundus*, J. Simonson.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARI.

By a standing rule of Synod, the first half hour of the morning session was occupied in devotional services.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the binding of the Printed Minutes of this Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod constitute a new Standing Committee to be called the *Committee on Nominations.*

Resolved, That the Standing Committees hereafter consist of three Ministers and two Elders.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially given to the Pastor and Consistory of the First Church of Tarrytown, for the accommodation afforded in connection with our meeting, and to the families who have so kindly and courteously entertained the members of the Synod.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Mancius H. Hutton,	Elder T. Burwell,
" William Brush,	" W. H. Archer.
" L. H. Van Dyck.	" E. M. Newman.

ARTICLE XXIV.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next Stated Session of the Particular Synod of New York be held in the Second Reformed Church of Pough keepsie, on the first day of May, A. D. 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, and Synod adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN A. TODD, *President.*
PH. PELTZ, *Adsessor.*
WM. H. DEHART, } *Clerks.*
J. G. VAN SLYKE, }

Official copy from the original Minutes,
ANSON DUBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH OF POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1874, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M., AND ADJOURNED AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK OF THE MORNING OF THE SECOND DAY.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. John A. Todd, D.D., the President of the last Synod, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the same day, from Exodus 32: 26; "*Who is on the Lord's side; let him come unto me.*" The subject of the sermon was "*Decidedness in Religion.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. D. B. Wyckoff, Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Rev. J. B. Church, Rev. H. V. S. Myers. *Elders*—George Allendorf, J. M. Strever, M. D. L. Phillips. F. D. Gardner.

Classis of Kingston.—Victor M. Hulbert, D.D. *Elder*—Philip Dumont.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. George D. Hulst. *Elder*—Jacob Suydam.

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Julius Hones, Rev. C. L. Wells, J. Kimball, D.D., Rev. David S. Sutphen. *Elders*—Abraham J. Beekman, T. M. Hageman.

Classis of New York.—Francis M. Kipp, D.D., Rev. Isaac Riley, G. Henry Mandeville, D.D., Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois. *Elders*—Wm. Bogardus, Samuel B. Schieffelin, Horatio P. Allen.

South Classis of New York.—Rev. A. C. Hillman, Rev. William B. Merritt, A. R. Thompson, D.D. *Elder*—J. D. Wood.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. Edward W. Bentley, Rev. Lawrence L. Comfort, Rev. Cyril Spaulding. *Elders*—Robert Hall, Theo. S. Comfort.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. C. W. Fritts, Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., Rev. Henry Ward. *Elders*—William Seward, Isaac Riggs.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. John Simonson, Rev. W. W. Rand, David Cole, D.D.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, D.D., was elected *President;* Rev. David Cole, D.D., was elected *Adsessor;* and Rev. George D. Hulst and Rev. William B. Merritt were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No Delegates appeared from either of the other Particular Synods.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Synod, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten were read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Francis M. Kipp, D. B. Wyckoff, Julius Hones. *Elders*—S. B. Schieffelin, Philip Dumont.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.

For Classis of Hudson.—Rev. A. C. Hillman. *Elder*—Philip Dumont.

For Classis of Kingston.—Rev. P. Van Wyck. *Elder*—Jacob Suydam.

For North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. C. L. Wells. *Elder*—A. J. Beekman.

For South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Isaac Riley. *Elder*—Wm. Bogardus.

For Classis of New York.—Rev. J. Kimball. *Elder*—J. D. Wood.

For South Classis of New York.—Rev. C. Spaulding. *Elder*—Robert Hall.

For Classis of Orange.—Rev. C. W. Fritts. *Elder*—Isaac Riggs.

For Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. J. Simonson. *Elder*—Geo. Allendorf.

For Classis of Westchester.—Rev. D. B. Wyckoff. *Elder*—H. P. Allen.

On Classical Report.—Revs. E. W. Bentley, P. Van Wyck, I. Riley. *Elders*—H. P. Allen, Jacob Suydam.

On the Questorate.—Revs. C. L. Wells, A. C. Hillman, L. L. Comfort. *Elders*—Wm. Bogardus, Wm. Seward.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. J. Kimball, F. M. Kip, C. W. Fritts. *Elders*—A. J. Beekman, Isaac Riggs.

On Nominations.—Revs. C. Spaulding, W. W. Rand, J. Simonson. *Elders*—George Allendorf, J. D. Wood.

ACTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was received from the Classis of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures:

Rev. Anson DuBois, Stated Clerk, P. S. of N. Y.

Dear Sir:—The following is a correct extract from the Minutes of the Classis of New York, in regular session, April 21st, 1874.

"Whereas, it is probable that the General Synod will, at its Session now approaching, set off the Church of Matoax, Amelia County, Virginia, to the Particular Synod of New York;

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York be requested by this Classis to give its consent, that the said Church, if thus transferred by General Synod, shall be accepted within the bounds of the Classis of New York, according to the desire of the said Church already made known to this Classis."

WM. H. DE HART, *Stated Clerk, pro. tem.*
Classis of New York.

The following communication was received from the South Classis of New York, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business:

From the Minutes of the South Classis of New York, April 21, 1874.

On motion it was

Resolved, That in accordance with the direction of the Particular Synod of New York, the action of this Classis in reference to a union with the Classis of New York be reconsidered, such consideration being had, it was then unanimously

Resolved, That the South Classis of New York adheres to its former action, and reaffirms its conviction that a union with the Classis of New York is inexpedient, in view of the general interests of the cause of our Church in the city of New York and vicinity.

Resolved, That the South Classis of New York earnestly asks that no action may be taken to destroy the integrity of its existence.

Resolved, That if it be considered desirable to equalize the numbers of the two Classes, the Particular Synod be requested to set off to the South Classis of New York such Churches and Ministers as may desire to be thus set off. Attest,

S. H. MEEKER, *Stated Clerk.*

The following communication was received from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business:

To the Particular Synod of New York, of the Reformed Church in America.

At the last stated meeting of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, held at Freehold, N. J., May 5, 1873, the following joint memorial was received from the Classes of Bergen and Paramus:

"To the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Church of America:

This concurrent memorial of the Classes of Bergen and Paramus respectfully represents to your reverend body:

First.—That in the year 1801, the Classis of Hackensack, having been divided by the General Synod into the Classes of Bergen and Paramus, the records and papers of the Classis of Hackensack were, by the concurrent action of our Classes, ordered to be deposited in the archives of the Particular Synod of New York. (*See Records of Classis of Bergen, vol.* 1, *fol.* 12; *and Records of Classis of Paramus, vol.* 1, *fol.* 9.)

Second.—That the said Classical Records and Papers, if still in existence, should be carefully preserved as a part of the early history of the Reformed Church in America.

Third.—That our synodical relations having been changed by the formation of a new Particular Synod, we are of the opinion that the proper custodian of said Records and Papers is the Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, to which Synod our respective Classes, and the Churches under our jurisdiction, formerly embraced in the Classis of Hackensack, now belong.

We therefore ask that you will take such action as may be necessary to have these Records and Papers placed in the archives of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, and their preservation secured."

(*See printed Minutes of Part. Syn. New Brunswick, May*, 1873, *pp.* 5 *and* 6.)

The above memorial, together with the following resolution, passed by the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in regard to it, are herewith submitted for the consideration of your reverend body:

"*Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to send a communication from this Particular Synod to the Particular Synod of New York, calling the attention of that body to the matter in question, and requesting, in the name of this Synod, that the Records and Papers of the old Classis of Hackensack be transferred to the care of the Particular Synod to which the Churches occupying the bounds of that Classis now belong."

(*See printed Minutes of Part Syn. of New Brunswick, May*, 1873, *p.* 39.)

CHARLES H. POOL,

Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Minutes report that on the Minutes of General Synod, p. 716, they find the following record:

"They (the Committee on Synodical Minutes) notice the adjournment of the Particular Synod of New York on the first and only day of its session, without reference to the resolution No. 6, page 120, of the Digest reconstructing the Particular Synods."

The resolution referred to is as follows:

"6. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined upon the Particular Synods to transact their business with due deliberation, and to hold such devotional services during their sessions as may conduce to the spiritual improvement of their members, and the several Churches in

which they assemble; and that to compass this desirable result, it is earnestly recommended by this Synod that the Particular Synods hereafter convene at three o'clock P. M. of the day designated for their regular session; that after their organization is effected, the first hour be spent in devotional services, that the synodical sermon be preached the same evening; that the first hour of the next morning session be spent in devotional exercises, in connection with which the Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion shall read such extracts from the reports of the Classes as he may elect: that in the afternoon of the second day of the session the Lord's Supper be administered, under the auspices of the Synod; that in the evening of the same day a sermon be preached before Synod; the Preacher, with his theme, together with an alternate, to be chosen at the preceding annual session; and that the first half hour of each subsequent day of the Synod be spent in devotional services."

The Committee recommend to Synod the adoption of the recommendation found on page 120 of the Digest, as above quoted, and that the next Particular Synod meet on the first Tuesday of May, 1875, at 3 o'clock P. M.

On page 41 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York they find an overture respecting the union of the Classis of New York and the South Classis of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. KIP, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, CHICAGO AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Copies of the Minutes of the year 1873 of each of these Synods were received and laid on the table.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports beg leave to report:

That returns from all the Classes have been made to the Synod, from an examination of which we are persuaded that Synod has great occasion to thank God, and take courage; 1,424 additions by confession are reported. Some of the Churches have had grracious refreshing from the Holy Spirit; several have grown by a steady increase; many have enjoyed a quickening influence, whereby Christians have been comforted and built up in the faith; a few only are in mourning over the evident hiding of God's face. On the whole the fortress has not only held its own, but has made some incursions into the enemy's lines, and brought back some trophies of the great Captain's prowess. Over these facts the Synod may, and should, rejoice. If these successes are not enough to warrant a holy boasting, they are still enough to keep our hope alive. The Lord does keep covenant and faith with his people.

As it is the Synod's custom to publish the reports in full, we submit them herewith, that they may speak for themselves more clearly than any abstract of them which we could make.

E. W. BENTLEY, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Enclosed please find the report of the Classis of Arcot for 1873. There has been a loss of nearly 500 in the total of congregations. This is owing to a number of villages in the Mudnapilly field relapsing into heathenism. Just before the departure of Dr. Chamberlain, in December last, 28 villages were reported as Christian, and the number of adherents as 872.

Reports having reached the Mission that many of these villages had been forced into Christianity by false representations and threats on the part of the native helpers, and that many were returning to heathenism, the Mission deemed it necessary to have an investigation. The helpers from the field were called down and each one examined. All except two acknowledged that the reports

were true, and they reported only 8 villages as remaining firm. Since that time Rev. Mr. Heeren has personally visited the field and examined into the whole matter. He finds that there are only 7 villages remaining, and the number of adherents 148.

We are exceedingly grieved over these losses, but we report them as we feel that the Church ought to know of our losses as well as of our gains. We fear that the interests of Christianity have been injured for a time at least, in that field, but the Lord is able to cause the exertions of all adversaries to redound to his own glory and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

We trust that the Church will not fail to remember us in our trials as well as successes before the throne of grace.

Yours very sincerely,

JNO. SCUDDER. *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The First Reformed Church of Hudson, in presenting its annual report, desires gratefully to acknowledge the fostering care and abundant blessing of God. Two months since, without any extra services being held, a degree of religious interest began to be exhibited, which has continued to the present time, and has been extremely gratifying. Each week some souls have been led to inquire what they must do to be saved, and already between thirty and forty are hopefully converted to God. The interest exists with encouraging propects for the future. Thirty persons, during the year, have been received to the communion of the Church; twenty-one by confession of faith in Christ. The Sabbath-school is well attended, and a faithful service is rendered by its officers and teachers. Eight scholars have professed faith in the Saviour. Taking into account the financial depression of the year, your Committee find this Church—which is justly esteemed for her spirit of large benevolence—has made the record of her disinterested gifts still more bright.

First Church of Claverack. The list of members in communion has been revised. This accounts for the discrepancy between this report and the previous one. A list has also been made of that class whose residence is unknown. This list comprises eighty-two names. There is nothing special to note in the experience of this

Church. Attendance has been satisfactory on Lord's days; more or less variable at prayer meetings. Sabbath-schools have been usually full. Contributions have been made to all the Boards of the Church; and while there has been nothing of a revival character, the wheels have run smoothly, and general unity of feeling has prevailed.

Second Church of Claverack. Although we may report no special work of grace, we have been enjoying the fruit of a most precious revival, which occurred during the former ecclesiastical year. Our young members have been gathered into prayer meetings, and trained in the doctrines and activities of Christianity. Our Sabbath services have been well attended, and a marked degree of solemnity has characterized them. The Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition. Superadded to the usual work of an established church, a heavy responsibility is laid upon us by the rapid growth of the surrounding community. One hundred families, beside those included in the tabular statement, look to us for pastoral care. "Who is sufficient for these things."

Linlithgow. In presenting our report to the Classis, we have nothing special to record, beyond our gratitude to God, for an uninterrupted use of the means of grace during the entire year. All the services appointed by the Church have been regulary observed, and for the most part well attended. The Sabbath school shows an increase both in numbers and efficiency. However the fruits of our labor do not appear as fully as we could wish. Confident in the promises of a covenant keeping God, we wait for the harvest in the midst of abounding labors and unceasing prayers, "for as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Greenport. Financially, we are not in all respects what could be desired, yet we can say, considering the times, the condition may be deemed satisfactory. Spiritually, though we are conscious of great unworthiness, yet the Church of Greenport, during the past year has walked with God, she has been blessed and an unusually large number of persons have been converted from the error of their ways.

Germantown. The past year has been unusually barren in spiritual results. All the usual services of the Church have been held, throughout the year. Since October we have called upon

every family of the congregation, with the exception of eight. We have been anxiously looking, fervently praying, confidently hoping, and every day living for a revival of the work of God in our charge. There were indications of a refreshing shower of grace, but the clouds afforded no water and our souls still thirst. Our only hope is that future time or eternity may disclose results of the past year's labor which are not yet evident.

Upper Red Hook. It is with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving that this Church reviews the past year, and especially the past few months. The Lord has been very gracious to us and wrought a great work. During the earlier part of the year there was nothing worthy of particular note. The Week of Prayer could scarcely be observed, on account of the inclement weather, but soon after, our regular meetings began to increase in number, and a very quiet, but quite extensive work has been done. On March 1st, 22 were added on confession. We hope the work is not finished. In temporal things also we have been blessed, and the last vestige of a debt is removed.

Greenbush, at Gallatin. With mingled emotions of satisfaction and of sadness we present our report. The year which has gone, was richly laden with gifts relating to a material prosperity. Our church edifice has been repaired and beautified at an expenditure of $1,800; this amount has been paid save $500. A barn is in process of erection, and the parsonage will be remodelled during the summer months. However, we are truly conscious that as a Church we are not in the reception of those better and spiritual blessings, which are infinitely more valuable than any gifts pertaining to an exterior welfare. The prayer meeting and Sabbath-school are well sustained. The Rev. Herman Vedder, for sixty-one years the pastor of this Church, and since the resignation of his charge, a constant worshipper in this sanctuary, was called home the past summer at the great age of 95 years.

Taghkanic. The affairs of this Church, both temporal and spiritual are prosperous. The services of the Church have been well attended. Our Sabbath-school exercises were continued throughout the winter months. In benevolence the Church reports a steady and healthy growth. As we review the past year we find much cause for thanksgiving to our God who has mercifully blessed us.

Livingston, at Linlithgow. This Church has not the ability to sustain a resident pastor. At the present, the pulpit is supplied by Rev. Cor. Van Santvoord, D. D. The services are well attended. The congregation is free from disturbing influences, and good hope is entertained of future growth. No debt afflicts the Church, its current expenses are promptly met, and expectation obtains of the speedy building of a parsonage. We can report no special interest in religion, still there is a pleasing desire manifested to hear God's word preached, and the youth are attentive upon the means of grace.

In commenting upon these reports, your Committee find that three Churches only, Hudson, Greenport, and Upper Red Hook, have enjoyed delightful seasons of revival grace. The seven remaining Churches, speak either of an ordinary state of piety, or of a condition below the usual standard. We are especially pleased with the remarks of quiet trust and of assured hope, which are found in these letters; and we know the gracious Husbandman will come by and by, and walking through his Vineyard, shall supply fertility and sun and showers.

It appears more than simply probable to us, that while these pastors are bearing the burden and heat of the day, as they are engaged in even more abundant labors, for the reason of the cold and the death, they are left comparatively alone gleaning the fields. Few prayer-sustaining Aarons and Hurs are engaged in service, or else we might look for larger results That counsel Jethro gave unto Moses, we think is pertinent here. The great burden resting on the ministry must be borne in part, and hereafter in a much greater measure, by the Elders and Deacons and members. Although pastors are almost breaking down under excessive work, there is not accomplished for Christ, in our Churches, during a twelve-month, more than one half the aggregate service, paster and people unitedly could render, and with ease.

Ministerial changes and removal: Rev. J. H. Bevier has been received from the Classis of Rensselaer, and Rev. Abram Mattice has been dismissed for the purpose of uniting with the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. Edwin Holmes, after a long life of singular purity, gentleness and usefulness, has been taken to the rest of heaven. Respectfully submitted,

DE WITT B. WYCKOFF,

Chairman of Committee.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of Kingston respectfully present the following as the result of their examination of the reports received from the churches:

The Church of Guilford reports, "Though no special revival season has been enjoyed, yet a high tone of vigor and life seems to pervade the Church: eight persons have been received into its membership on confession of their faith, for which we give sincere thanks to Almighty God. * * * During the year, the interior of the church has been beautifully frescoed, the attendance upon church services has greatly increased, and the Spirit of God is evidently present throughout the congregation."

The Church of Rochester, after speaking of usual encouragement in Church and Sabbath School, says: "We are not permitted, however, to report any general or prevailing work of Grace. The good seed has been sown, and we believe watered with the prayers of some of God's people; and in reliance upon the assurance of the great Head of the Church, that His Word shall not return unto Him void, we hopefully pray that the ripening grain will show itself in good time." Six have been received during the year on confession of their faith.

The Church of New Paltz reports, "We have seen some gracious tokens of the Lord's blessing during the past few months. We have also seen the power of Satan quickened, not in direct attacks upon the Church, but in general influences upon the community. This influence has been notable in its connection with intemperance. A union temperance prayer meeting has been recently established and earnestly sustained. The additions reported to our number on confession of faith, have been largely made during the last few months. We pray the Lord to deepen and extend the good work." The report speaks of numerous removals by death, and the loss sustained in the death of many "aged mothers in Israel, the savour of whose good names was as ointment poured forth." Nineteen have been added to this Church on confession of their faith.

The Church of St. Remy is without a pastor, but looking to a brighter future. The report says, "We hold weekly meetings for

prayer from house to house, which are well attended and manifesting a great deal of interest, and so we hope and trust and pray that God will bless this vine."

The Church of Hurley and North Church of Marbletown, forming one pastoral field, "Cannot report anything more than ordinary spiritual prosperity during the past year. The usual interest has been taken in the Sabbath services as well as in the prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools; but only a few have come out from the world and professed faith in the Saviour." Seven have been added to these churches on confession of their faith.

The Church of Marbletown (Stone Ridge), reports "The average attendance upon divine worship has been good, accompanied by serious attention and a manifestly deepened interest in the subject of religion. And though we have to record no positive revival, yet a sufficient number of hopeful converts has been added to the Church to show the presence and power of the Spirit attending the means of grace." The report further speaks of "encouraging indications" in the prayer meetings, and the prosperous condition of the Sabbath School. It also tells us of a successful effort "to liquidate a floating church debt." Six have been received on confession of their faith.

The Church of Bloomingdale is now supplied statedly by Rev. M. F. Liebenau, and reports, "The truth has been preached faithfully. The attention has been fixed and sometimes tearful. The congregation has been steadily increasing as to numbers, and the state of the Church would appear to be hopeful." Three have been received on confession.

The Second Church of Kingston reports, "Still without a pastor; and although we have not as yet settled upon any one to be called, there is great unanimity and good feeling existing throughout the congregation." Twelve have been received on confession of their faith.

The Church of Dashville Falls reports, "The Sabbath morning services in the church have been well attended, and the Sabbath evening prayer meetings at Rifton are crowded by an attentive audience. * * * The Sabbath School is continued the whole year, and four-fifths of the young men and young women of the

congregation are enlisted as teachers or are enrolled in the Bible Class." Six have been added to the communion of this Church on confession of their faith.

The Church of Sampsonville reports, "As a Church, we are feeble, unable to settle any minister as a pastor amongst us; but in the good Providence of God we have, for a small consideration, secured the services of Rev. C. Case once in two weeks. These services have been blessed in a measure, and we trust are appreciated. We, however, long for the time when a pastor shall be settled amongst us." One received on confession.

The Church of Rosendale reports, "While we have some things calculated to depress us, yet we have some things which are calcu lated to encourage us. We have an increasing congregation, who give the hearing of the Word the best attention. We have a large and interesting Sabbath School, whose interest is increasing. We have a very interesting prayer meeting, and we know that among our hearers we have some souls that are awakened and some that are indulging hope." Two have been received on confession of their faith.

The Church of Clove has sent to the Committee simply the statistical table.

In the reports received from the Churches, your Committee find nothing to discourage, with the exception that so many of the Churches are at present without pastors. All the reports speak hopefully, and the Churches are looking and praying for the promised blessing, for God hath said that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

The following changes have taken place in the Classis during the year: The pastoral relations between the Rev. C. H. Stitt, D. D., and the Second Church of Kingston, Rev. W. H. Van Arsdale and the Church of Clove, and Rev. P. T. Deyo and the Church of Dashville Falls, have been dissolved. The Rev. Dr. Stitt has been dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen, the Rev. Mr. Van Arsdale to the Classis of Rensselaer, and the Rev. Mr. Deyo to the Classis of Green, having accepted calls to labor within the bounds of these Classes.

The Licentiate, Calvin E. Lasher, has been received from the Classis of Hudson, and ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Church of Guilford.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The reports from the several consistories are generally of a gratifying character. They show that the Churches are all in good working condition, that faithful labor has been performed in them, and that this labor has not been without results.

In temporalities the congregations seem to prosper. Not infrequently in the reports, no small stress is laid upon thrift in this department, as indication of vigorous church life. A most universal mention is also made of good attendance upon services: and in a large majority of instances the Sabbath School and Prayer Meeting are referred to as giving evidence of a healthy condition.

But little mention is made of discouragements. The consistories cannot be accused of looking on the dark side, but are manifestly cultivating an elastic and hopeful spirit.

Illustration of this may be found in the reports from North Hempstead and Locust Valley. The former has enjoyed a year of quiet prosperity, and feels encouraged to increase its zeal in the Master's service; the latter, one of our youngest Churches, mentions an interesting state of things in almost all branches of church work. The Church of College Point also thanks the Lord for prosperity. During the year it has completed, dedicated to God, and for eight months enjoyed stated religious services in its new sanctuary. Its Sabbath School has grown from 4 to 196 members, and several young persons have united with the Church.

The Churches of Green Point, Newtown and Flushing, though without any special religious interest, all find much reason for thankfulness. At Green Point the work moves forward vigorously, and there are evidences of the Spirit's presence; a pastor has been installed here during the year. Newtown emphasizes an increase of liberality among the people, while other tokens of spiritual good are not wanting. Flushing says: we thankfully render testimony

that we have not been forgotten of the Lord. The efficacy of the means of grace is apparent in the accessions of converts from the world.

Our German Churches are making a good record. The German Evangelical of Williamsburg has been passing through its first year without aid from the Missionary Board. Some difficulties have been experienced, but have been surmounted—with God's help. Its services are well attended, and the preached word is bearing its precious fruit. The Second Church of Astoria reports the year as one long to be remembered in its annals, because it also has successfully tried the experiment of standing alone. It feels all the stronger for this effort. The tabular statements of both of these Churches are extremely gratifying.

The Second Church of Newtown is without a pastor, and has experienced troubles, but is looking forward to better things.

Sayville is bearing some heavy burdens, but feels convinced that its work is blessed by the Lord.

In some of the reports, a somewhat different tone is observable. Queens, while grateful for many tokens of the divine goodness, especially that some fruit has been gathered during the year, and that a spirit of seriousness is observable to a cetrain extent in the congregation, deplores its lack of spiritual power to develop this spirit to more decided results. Jamaica confesses to something like a spiritual famine as to accessions to the Church, but adds: if the presence of God's Spirit is to be estimated by the Christian life of the membership, their quickened zeal and spirituality, their willingness to work and their liberality, then the Spirit is with us. Oyster Bay speaks cauticusly of progress, yet feels that there is a gradual change for the better in the thoughts, feelings and habits of the people. Astoria has been for the greater part of the year without a pastor, yet its services have been maintained as usual; its work has been kept up, and at present some of its members seem quickened to more than usual devotion. The Church of East Williamsburg under its new pastor is feeling its way to increased prosperity.

The year has been one in which God's Spirit has been poured out n no small measure upon the Churches of the land. We mourn the fact that our Churches, though by no means bereft of the Spirit, have not shared in any marked degree in this outpouring. Honesty

compels us to confess that the good which has been accomplished makes but a pitiful comparison with that which we are taught to labor and pray for. Our barrenness reproaches us when in many places the little cloud like a man's hand has expanded till it has covered the whole heaven's, and in wide regions there is a sound of an abundance of rain. And yet, God has not altogether passed us by, even in the matter of special blessings.

The Church of South Bushwick lays no formal claim to having enjoyed a revival of religion, yet it speaks of an increase of religious interest, and an evident growth of spiritually, and its report of members received shows that God's Spirit has indeed been present with it in power. The Church of Williamsburg has also enjoyed a quiet work of grace, diffusing a happy influence throughout the congregation, affording numerous illustrations of God's wonderful power and goodness in saving souls, and resulting in a decided addition to its membership.

Ministerial Changes.—During the year the Rev. Lewis Francis has been received from the Rutland Cong. Association, and installed as pastor of the Church of Green Point; the candidate, Wm. Ferris, has been ordained, and installed as the pastor of the Church of East Williamsburg; the Rev. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer has been released from the pastoral charge of the Second Church of Newtown, (retaining the pastoral charge of the Second Church of Astoria,) and the Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., from the pastoral charge of the Church of Astoria; also the Rev. A. C. Hillman has been dismissed to the South Classis of New York; the Rev. L. G. Jongeneel, to the Classis of Geneva, and the Rev. L. G. Bingham to the Classis of Passaic.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NICHOLS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the South Classis of Long Island respectfully report, that they have received statistical reports, and reports on the state of religion, from all the Churches under their care.

All the reports breathe an air of hopefulness, while some of them indicate encouraging progress in the things that accompany salvation. The ordinances of religion have been observed in all the

Churches with regularity. In nearly all of them there has been an increased attendance on the means of grace, and most of them report a marked attention and seriousness on the part of the congregations. All the Churches observed the Week of Prayer, and in the following Churches other special services have been held during the winter for periods varying from four weeks to two months: East New York, Flatbush, East Brooklyn, Twelfth Street, Middle Brooklyn and Church on the Heights. These meetings have been blessed in the revival of God's own people and some conversions from the world, though the results have not been so marked as the Churches anticipated and hoped for.

Unusually large accessions were received by the following Churches: Brooklyn, East Brooklyn, New Brooklyn and Twelfth Street. The contributions to the Boards of the Church and other benevolent schemes have been greater than last year to the amount of $2,649. The statistical reports indicate that there is also a decided increase in the number of families, in the number who have been received both on confession and by letters, while the number removed by letter and by discipline is less than last year; consequently the total number of communicants is much larger. There is also a decided increase in the catechumens and scholars in the Sabbath Schools. The contributions for congregational purposes are correspondingly increased. The utmost harmony prevails among the members of the Church. While only a few of the Churches have been favored with marked evidences of the revival of religion, yet in all of them there are indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, which call for devout thankfulness, and which should be regarded as incentives to fresh efforts and higher attainments.

The following changes have taken place during the year. The pastoral relations of the Rev. John H. Manning and the Church of South Brooklyn have been dissolved, after a faithful ministry of nineteen years. The Rev. R. G. Strong has resigned his position as missionary to the Flatbush Mission, on account of ill health. A new Church has been organized at Rockville Centre with encouraging prospects of success.

DAVID INGLIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Collegiate Church reports a prosperous year under the Divine blessing, marked by a large increase in the number of families in attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, a goodly addition to the membership of the Church on profession of faith, a constantly developing efficiency of the mission organizations under the direction of Consistory, and an apparent deepening of spiritual life throughout its communion.

The Church at Harlem says: "The interests of Church and Sabbath-school are prosperous. Under the fostering care and blessing of the Chief Shepherd we have enjoyed a year of peace and harmony. We have met with some losses of families, owing to the inevitable changes of our population; but we have reason to expect that their places will soon be supplied. A gentle refreshing from the presence of the Lord has gladdened our hearts during the last few weeks. A goodly number has been added to the Church; and a number are still seeking the light of salvation. The increasing numbers and interest at our weekly prayer meeting attest the presence of the Holy Spirit."

To the South Church the year has been one of general prosperity. Her three Sunday-schools and Industrial school have flourished, having enrolled more than seven hundred children. She has erected a new, tasteful, and commodious chapel, for one of her mission schools, situated on 26th. street, near 9th Avenue. Its cost—the voluntary contribution of her people—was $25,000. Her usual benevolent contributions have suffered little if any diminution. She is represented on heathen grounds by one devoted Missionary laboring under the auspices of the A. B. C. F. M. She has also raised up and sent into the home-field the Rev. Robt. Doig, and the Rev. W. L. Johnson, the former a pastor in this state, the other laboring among the people of his own color in North Carolina. Additions have been made to her membership at each communion season. Her present condition is united and prosperous.

In the condition of the Church of Staten Island there is nothing calling for special remark. The accessions to her membership by profession have been somewhat more than usual, amounting to seventeen. The Prayer Meeting and Weekly Lecture are fairly sustained. The Sabbath-school is more than ever flourishing and prosperous.

Bloomingdale reports an interesting state of religious feeling, with some additions to the Church and more in prospect. The Word preached is heard with attention. Peace, good-will, and harmony prevail.

Madison Avenue reports, "that the past year has witnessed a substantial increase in our congregation. There have been during the winter, plain signs of tender religious feeling on the part of Christians and others. Our lack of a convenient place in which to cultivate social devotional feeling has seriously interfered with the fruitfulness of the impressions made at the more public services. Still the attendance at the Wednesday evening meeting is larger this year than before. The Sunday-school is increasing; and in a word we have so much encourgement in our present restricted accommodations, that we look for a great increase of our success in all directions so soon as we can have a completed church edifice to work in."

Thirty-Fourth Street finds reason for profound gratitude to God in a revived religious interest following upon the Week of Prayer in January, and as a result of special union meetings held during the month of February. An interesting feature in her year's history is that she recently celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of her organization as the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Broome street, the exercises of which were appropriate, interesting and profitable. A prominent and hopeful indication for the future of this Church is found in the warm social spirit which pervades her people.

The German Evangelical Church reports, that notwithstanding great opposition and multiplied hindrances to which she is exposed she is not altogether barren, but has gathered some fruit of he labor. Several of her active members have taken hold of the old Manhattan Church, and inaugurated a new German enterprise, which has thus far proved quite successful, so that she is looking forward with certainty to the organization of a new Church in place of the old. There is no special religious interest noticeable in either Church.

St. Paul's Church. No report.

The Church at Richmond says: "The attendance at the Sabbath services has been up to the usual standard. The Sunday-school at

Gifford's has been maintained in a flourishing condition. The preaching services at the chapel have not been so well attended as was anticipated, but the services have been much enjoyed by the little congregation." She still looks to Classis for pecuniary aid. An application for $300 has been laid before the proper committee. Her continuance under Providence, is in the hands of Classis. She is struggling with difficulties which she hopes to surmount.

Mott Haven reports having enjoyed much of the Divine favor and blessing during the year. At each communion season several have been received to her membership upon profession of their faith, mostly from the Sabbath-school. The weekly meetings have been well sustained, and the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition. Although she has experienced no outpouring of the Spirit, yet present indications strengthen her faith and hope.

The Church of the Huguenots has rejoiced in the Divine presence as witnessed in the attendance of her people upon and attention to the various religious services. Following upon the Week of Prayer this Church, during the space of three weeks, continued in supplication for the outpouring of God's Spirit. The nightly services were characacterized by unusual interest. Its Sunday-school is sustained under very great encouragements.

The Fourth German Church says: Since the completion of our new edifice the number in attendance has increased to a considerable extent, and the financial condition of the Church has improved. Although we can not speak of any extraordinary spiritual blessings, yet we are convinced that our blessed Redeemer is in our midst, faithful to the word of His promise. The Sunday school has also increased in numbers, and the seed sown in the hearts of the young promises to bear fruit unto everlasting life.

Prospect Hill rejoices in the evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit, blessing the teaching of the word and the administration of ordinances. The continued and increasing ill-health of her pastor has necessitated a temporary suspension of his labors, a circumstance all the more trying to this affectionate people by reason of a special religious interest which now prevails among them.

The Holland Church reports, that her labors have not been in vain in the Lord. She has been blessed with some conversions. She

mourns her trials and the hindrances to her growth, but still trusts in Him who has given her a work to do in this great city, and hopes to do that work faithfully. Her greatest complaint is, that she is compelled to see her children and young people going to other denominations, because she lacks a suitable place into which to gather them and save them for her own denomination.

The Church of Brookfield closed her report last year with the declaration, "We still look forward

> To the happy hour
> When God will hear our cry;
> And send with a reviving power,
> His Spirit from on high."

That expectation has been to some extent realized. She has witnessed decided indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, which began early in the winter, and were increased during the Week of Prayer. The Prayer meeting has been sustained with lively interest, and new voices have been heard pleading with God for the fulfillment of his promises. The Sabbath-school has shared in the blessing, calling forth more than usual zeal and effort. Several of the additions to the Church have been from its ranks.

Thus it will be seen that several of our Churches have been spiritually refreshed during the year. And even where there has been no marked ingathering of souls, still the graces of God's people have been quickened.

The results of the year are an accession to the various Churches more than twice as large as that reported for the preceding year. A hopeful spirit prevades each separate community, and the cheering news which come from certain fields within the bounds of Classis are calculated to inspire the whole body with courage and confidence.

We notice, too, a considerable increase in the amount of benevolent contributions, which, considering the trying circumstances that have overtaken the entire community, and depressed it for most of the year, is worthy of special mention and deservedly gratifying to this Classis. During the year two of the venerable fathers have been called away. For years their counsels were heard upon this floor. And when the infirmities of advanced age might have

served to excuse them from active participation in the duties of this body, they still were faithful to the last. Their duties are done, their trials are over, their labors are ended. They have entered upon their reward. Isaac Ferris and Charles Whitehead dwell now among the "Spirits of just men made perfect."

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY BERTHOLF, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following:

They have received and examined reports from the Churches of Brighton Heights, Washington Square, Bushwick, Union Reformed, Sixth Avenue, German Reformed Norfolk Street, and the North Reformed D. Church of Brooklyn.

The Church of Brighton Heights reports that the past year has been one of great encouragement. Eight souls have been converted and many others are asking what they must do to be saved. Three-fourths of the church debt has been subscribed, nearly one-half paid, and the remainder, they hope, will be in a few days.

The Church of Bushwick says: God has blessed us with peace and a good degree of prosperity, an encouraging attendance upon the sanctuary, and a gradual accession to our communion.

The Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, reports a steady growth in the congregation, and the reception of a goodly number on confession of faith. The spiritual life of the Church is vigorous and the work of the Church is enlarging.

The German Reformed Church reports an encouraging attendance upon the preaching of the Word. Their Sunday school was never in so prosperous a condition, their school room being crowded with children and much good accomplished.

The North Reformed D. Church of Brooklyn, reports a marked increase in the number in attendance on public worship, and a deep and anxious attention to the truth preached, and a goodly ingathering of precious souls to the faith and fellowship of Christ. Nearly one half of the debt has been removed. The Sunday school is vigorous, and thirteen of its members have been admitted to full communion.

The Rev. Henry Mattice has been dismissed to the Classis of Bergen.

The Rev. William B. Merritt has been received from the Classis of Ulster, and installed Pastor of the Union Reformed Church, Sixth Ave.

The Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D. D., has been received from the Classis of New York, and installed Pastor of the North Reformed D. Church of Brooklyn.

WM. T. ENYARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have had referred to them reports from all the Churches of the Classis except Mamakating, and Claryville, which is vacant. From an examination of these, your Committee are confident that Classis has great occasion to rejoice. Except Grahamville and Claryville, our Churches have all been supplied with the regular preaching of the Word and a few have been unusually blessed with the visitations of the Divine Spirit; notably so the Churches of Newburgh and Lower Walpack, while all report progress and speak in encouraging terms.

Your Committee would mention with special gratitude to God, the final adjustment of the difficulties in the Church of New Prospect, and would recommend that Church and their appeal to the consideration of Pastors and consistories.

Your Committee would also call attention to the statement of the consistory of Walkill Valley.

Your Committee would also advise the adoption by Classis of the following:

Whereas, The subject of temperance is mentioned in some of the reports from the Churches, and feeling as we do the importance of this movement at the present time, therefore

Resolved, That Pastors and consistories be urged to use all their influence in favor of this reform, and when practicable, to form Temperance Societies in our Churches and Sabbath Schools.

In view of all the reports, and the general interest manifested in the work of the Church, your Committee recommend, that as a Classis we present to God our joyful thanksgiving, and humbly trust in Him to still prosper and bless our work.

The following ministerial changes have occured in the Classis since our last report, viz: Rev. Cornelius Brett has been received, and installed Pastor of the Church of Montgomery. Rev. J. T. Demarest has been received, and installed Pastor of the Church of New Prospect. Rev. W. E. Bogardus has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. Rev. C. Scott has been dismissed to the Classis of Michigan. Rev. J. R. Talmage has been dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee have received reports from all the Churches of the Classis.

From these reports they learn and announce, with pleasure and gratitude to God, the fact that for the first time in eight years every pulpit is supplied, and with one exception by a Pastor regularly installed.

The tone of these reports, though varied, is generally encouraging or at the least hopeful. There were added to the communion of our Churches, upon confession of their faith, 105 souls, being the largest number since 1870. The number received upon certificate is 63, making a total of additions of 168. Yet the losses by death and removals have been so numerous, as to reduce the net gain to our eleven churches to 42. (By an error in the Report in the Minutes of the last General Synod, 1873, there *seems* to be a *loss* this year of 158. The footing should have been 2,094 instead of 2,294). Amid the pressure and wide spread distress occasioned by the financial revulsion of last year, it is not surprising that the contributions of some of the Churches should be materially diminished. It is the more gratifying therefore to be able to notice a general advance both in religious and benevolent contributions, and in those for congregational purposes, which are each in excess of those of last year. It is also gratifying to notice a considerable increase in the number of Sabbath scholars and of catechumens reported. The Sabbath schools, as might be expected, are generally in a flourishing condition, and the Churches enjoying a large measure of temporal prosperity. The Church of Hyde Park reports the removal of the debt upon its Parsonage, and the Millbrook Church announces the gift of the title

deeds to its church and parsonage properties, amounting in aggregate cost to $40,246.57, chiefly through the liberality of one of its Elders, Mr. George H. Brown.

In spiritual matters, but two Churches, the First Poughkeepsie and the Church of Cold Spring, are reported as having enjoyed "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," while the Churches of Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Hyde Park and the Second Poughkeepsie, report considerable additions. A few report uniform and increasing interest in the Word of God and the means of grace, while others deplore their leanness, yet detecting here and there signs of hope and promise for the future. The Lord hasten their full fruition in its time.

The following ministerial changes have occurred. The venerable father Rev. Herman Vedder, of Greenbush, fell asleep on the 29th June, 1873, after a pastorate of sixty-one years, and at the ripe old age of 96.

The licentiate Graham Taylor has been received from the Classis of Newark, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Hopewell. The licentiate John C. Vanderwater has been received from the Classis of Bergen, and ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Cold Spring.

The Rev. Joseph Scudder, D. D., has been received from the Classis of Arcot.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. COBB, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion have received reports from all the Churches. From these reports we make the following extracts or condensed statement, from which the condition of the Churches may be sufficiently ascertained:

Church of Bronxville.—The statistical report covers three communions only. There is prospect of a few more additions at the communion in April. By the grace of God we have made perceptible progress during the year.

Church of Cortlandtown.—This ancient Church, so long depressed, has suddenly, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Thompson, waked to a remarkable life. It reports no less than twenty gathered during the year upon profession of faith; a larger number than any other

Church in the Classis has received. The short ministry of our brother seems to have roused the whole surroundiug country in behalf of this Church. It has been thronged at every public service. The few who had loved it in years gone by, but had now for a long time regarded it as almost extinct, have wept for joy upon the revival of their hopes for their ancient heritage. No Church in the Classis seems just now to enjoy a more vigorous life. It still needs, however, the fostering support of the Board of Missions, and the encouraging smile of the Classis. With these helps there is good ground for hope that it will come, in a comparatively short time, to be once more a self sustaining Church.

Church of Fordham.—The public services have been regularly sustained, and the catechizing of the children and youth has been continued throughout the year by the Pastor, except during a few weeks when a slight indisposition prevented. The Sabbath School is still maintained with interest both on the part of the officers and teachers. "It is our hope for the Church's future enlargement and efficiency." The report laments that no accessions have come to the communion, and says that this was never so in any previous year of the present pastorate. It also speaks regretfully of changes and losses in and to the Church, from those fluctuations of population peculiar to all localities in and about the city of New York.

Church of Greenburg.—The congregation has increased from fifty to one hundred and seventy this year. In the summer the Church was filled. Spiritually there is cause for sorrow and deep repentance. "Financially we are greatly blest. The coming year we shall begin to contribute regularly to the benevolent objects of our honored Church."

Church of Greenville.—The Church during the year past lost its Pastor, and being vacant up to the very hour of the making of this report, has had nothing of moment to record. It has now, however, extended a call to the Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker, to become its Pastor. The call has been accepted, and prospects of activity are now opening before the Church, so that probably there will be matter of increasing interest accumulating for the next report.

Church of Hastings.—The religious interest in the Church during the past year has been much less than usual. The number received on confession of faith was smaller than for years. A debt of $5,000 on the church has been partially paid off. There is

quite a revival of the Sabbath School work among us. The number of scholars is unusually large, and there is very great interest in the work.

Church of Melrose.—Little change has taken place in the Church and congregation. The Word has been regularly preached, and the sacrament administered. Harmony prevails. Ten have been brought into the communion from the Sabbath School, and the consistory are encouraged to look for a precious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, from indications now at hand.

Church of Mount Vernon.—The census, both of families and communicants, shows an increase over last year. There is perfect harmony. The Sunday School was never more flourishing. The panic was severely felt, but the benevolent contributions were larger this year than last. All floating debt has been removed. Above all, the presence of the Holy Spirit has not been denied. Unusual thoughtfulness has prevailed among the young. Several of them have been received into the communion, and several more have presented themselves as inquirers. The consistory thankfully acknowledge the Divine goodness and mercy, and take fresh courage for their coming work.

Church of Peekskill.—Nothing has been received except the statistical report.

First Church of Tarrytown.—At every communion one or more have been added to the Church, but there have been no large accessions. The Sabbath School is full. Temperance matters are in order. The material and working facilities of the Church have been increased at considerable cost. "We look out hopefully at the future, regarding what has been done in the past only as a stepping stone to a large success, for which we work and pray."

Second Church of Tarrytown.—"There has been nothing of a marked or peculiar nature in our experience during the year. With many reasons for thankfulness and hope we commit ourselves anew to the guidance of the Good Shepherd."

Church of Unionville.—There is a state of things among us at present that prevents the spiritual prosperity of the Church. We deprecate it, we desire and labor to change it. We expect it will be changed, but it will require time and patience, and prayer to bring the change about. The stated services are maintained with the usual attendance. The Sunday School is kept up in the summer.

The benevolent contributions have increased in number if not in amount. We are encouraged to hope for better things, and we "wait upon the Lord" to visit us with his salvation.

Church of West Farms.—"Our Sabaath School is in a very flour ishing condition. Our Prayer Meetings are more interesting than at any previous time under the present pastorate. But in consequence of removals, our Church is growing weaker, and we feel great anxiety about its future. Unless we get some assistance from abroad, or a blessing from above, we fear it will soon be lost.

Church of Yonkers.—Nothing has occurred to disturb our pleasant prosecution of the work in which we are permitted to be engaged for the Master and for souls. Our temporal affairs, managed with clear system, continue in good order. During most of the year, ending April 1, (of which this is a report,) there seemed no special signs of increased animation in spiritual things. Eleven only, on profession of faith, were gathered from the four communions of the year. Indeed, the lowest point of dearth seemed to have been reached at the fourth communion, which occured on Sabbath, Jan. 18. From that day a considerable interest sprang up. It has been increasing ever since, and at the date of this report, it is evident that a large number will come forward at the next communion, on the 21st of this month. By the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, peculiarly brought to bear upon us, all our Churches are now receiving refreshments. The actual results of this new state of things however, cannot be included within the statement of the present year, but must go over to the next annual report.

The above sketches give the necessary information upon the spiritual condition of the Churches.

The following are the changes that have taken place in pastoral relations.

The Church of Greenville has become vacant. Its Pastor, Rev. John H. Pitcher, has removed to the Classis of Albany. The Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D., has been settled over the Churches of Cortlandtown and Peekskill, the Rev. Alfred E. Myers over the Church of Bronxville, and the Rev. Francis Bagley, over the Church of Greenburg. The Church of White Plains has become extinct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R. A. P.	R. A. P.	
Arcot and 5 out stations...	Rev. John Scudder, M. D.	70	8	6	18	2	1	67	18	19	48	7	104	440 12 4	58	Arcot, Madras Presd. S. India.
Arnee " 8 " ...	" "	80	...	...	...	...	...	49	4	1	...	8	24	358 1	5 8	" "
Alliandal	" "	18	1	2	...	...	...	24	8	...	1	...	...	14 5 5	1 8	" "
Vellambi..... ...	" "	19	1	2	2	...	...	37	3	...	2	1	15	9 10 11	4 4	" "
Marutuvamb il	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M. D	15	1	...	...	...	...	14	3	...	9	1	7	9 11 6	3	Vellore,
Modalyur	" "	5	...	1	2	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	5	2 12	" "
Orattur and 8 out stations .	" "	83	1	...	...	...	...	75	7	1	87	6	78	65 12 1	7 14	" "
Chittoor and 8 out stations..	Rev. J. W. Scudder, M. D	115	7	2	2	...	...	87	13	6	147	8	144	436 13 4	59 6	Chittoor,
Coonoor and 1 out station..	Rev. Zachariah John	47	1	...	2	...	2	62	3	...	41	1	37	46 8 9	56 10	Coonoor,
Gnanodayam & 1 out station	Rev. Andrew Sawyer....	25	...	...	4	...	...	48	7	...	1	1	15	46 15 5	8 5 5	Gnanodayam,
Sattambadi & 2 out stations	" ..	18	...	1	...	...	...	41	2	...	3	2	21	22 6 1	2 5	" "
Mudnapilly & 7 out stations	Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D.	60	2	9	8	...	...	37	10	11	5	3	37	16 10	16	In America
Palamanair and 1 out station	Rev. E. J. Heeren, S. S..	14	...	10	4	...	...	18	2	...	...	2	20	*	*	Palamanair, Madras, Pres. Ind.
Vellore.....	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M. D.	58	4	19	26	...	3	76	11	5	8	3	06	358 14 10	42 8	Vellore,
Kattupadi and 3 out stations	" "	30	2	...	...	...	...	35	2	2	24	3	48	17 2	9 12	" "
Kandiputtur & 1 out station	" "	19	1	1	...	1	...	28	10	7	5	2	60	24 4 8	8 4	" "
Sekadu and 1 out station...	" "	15	...	...	2	7	1	25	2	...	9	1	11	19 14 7	8 4	" "
	Total.....	686	29	58	67	10	7	731	105	52	390	44	727	1882 13 1	318 9 11	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Joseph Scudder, D. D. Rev. S. D. Scudder, M. D., in America.

Candidates.—V. Yesadian. M. I. Israel.

* Contributions not reported.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	21	9	12	...	5	425	15	7	.....	1	325	$2,824 25	$5,450 84	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	112	4	...	4	...	2	218	5	...	.....	4	208	391 15	2,922 80	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	3	3	2	...	3	198	1	1	100	3	200	718 33	1,724	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	Thomas S. Dusinberre	90	1	3	4	1	1	*140	4	...	.....	.....	60	246 38	1,581 88	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Hinrod	97	14	4	...	...	1	201	11	3	.....	...	125	300	1,100	Hudson, "
Germantown	G. DeWitt Bodine	58	...	...	1	...	1	151	8	...	.....	.....	115	127 61	1,050	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	80	25	1	...	...	4	128	5	5	.....	1	90	161 47	1,501 93	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	75	3	2	...	1	...	111	5	2	40	1	90	215 42	2,588 47	Mt. Ross, "
Taghkanic	John B Church	74	2	1	...	...	2	132	3	1	.....	3	120	127 06	1,375	West Copake, "
Livingston, at Linlithgow	Cors. Van Santvoord, S. S.	54	1	2	...	...	1	86	2	...	.....	.....	.....	....	900	Linlithgow, "
	Total	1070	74	25	28	2	20	1725	59	19	140	18	1838	$5,111 67	$20,144 42	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. J H. Bevier, Hudson, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenaw, S. S	56	8	...	...	...	2	95	...	3	...	1	100	...	...	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom*	150	...	1	2	...	5	150	10	...	40	2	225	$256 12	$2,066 68	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Vacant	100	6	2	1	...	...	148	6	2	...	1	145	60	720	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	8	1	1	...	2	81	8	...	40	2	85	100 26	1,698 60	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	65	2	2	6	...	2	114	3	...	50	1	96	245 10	794 81	Hurley, " "
N. Church, Marbletown	J. F. Harris	70	5	1	1	...	3	111	3	5	40	1	76	148 88	822 22	" " "
Second Church, Kingston	Vacant	126	†12	9	17	...	6	†333	*23	5	...	1	282	848	3,659 24	Kingston, " "
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	170	6	2	6	...	5	286	16	.	86	2	170	118 48	1,768 21	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	260	19	8	10	...	11	420	17	12	196	5	256	901 09	2,450 09	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	120	6	...	1	...	1	150	3	..	75	5	280	178 86	1,151 86	Accord, " "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	2	1	1	...	2	86	2	1	.....	1	150	48 85	1,506 48	Rosendale, " "
Sampsonville	Vacant	45	1	...	...	...	1	47	6	...	.....	1	.....	8 25	1,110	Cripplebush, " "
St. Remy	Vacant	24	...	2	2	...	1	40	..		85	1	45	.....	155 50	Fly Mountain, " "
	Total	1,846	70	24	48		41	2041	97	28	512	24	1,760	$2,902 89	$17,998 14	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. James R. Lente Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

* Pastor Elect. † Revised list.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	126	1	5	1	...	4	265	6	...	...	1	109	$692 88	$4,020 77	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	123	9	5	4	...	4	210	7	4	150	2	250	768 24	4,985 50	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	2	.	2	...	1	111	...	2	...	2	184	165 87	1,892 26	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm E. Davis	80	7	3	...	...	...	110	8	6	80	1	80	112 35	1,855 44	Manhassett, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	330	43	10	4	...	4	492	26	21	...	2	750	...	12,000	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	Vacant*	43	1	..	19	...	...	91	5	...	43	1	164	475 67	1,855 60	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E Cobb	95	14	14	9	...	4	206	2	5	150	1	200	418	4,817 79	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	229	8	9	9	...	2	359	4	3	....	1	560	558 77	9,338 85	Brooklyn, E. D., "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	100	16	7	13	...	5	161	9	4	.. .	2	300	305 44	3,200	21 Grove St., Brooklyn, "
Lee Avenue																"
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	75	17	8	4	...	1	170	41	...	20	1	110	7	1,000	Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	80	1	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	15	1	100	151 97	548 67	84 Vesey St., New York.
Second Newtown	Vacant	85	1	..	...	...	1	89	5	...	1	1	15	8 88	214 82	Newtown, L. I.
Queens	Thomas Nichols	65	8	2	2	...	4	105	2	8	....	1	180	185 34	2,075	Queens, "
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	230	29	....	...	...	8	407	145	1	265	2	500	165	1,762 35	315 Graham Ave. B'klyn, E. D.
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	48	8	8	2	1	1	56	10	1	10	4	56	41 85	292 71	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	John Hart	48	7	2	4	..	1	81	1	5	.....	1	100	17 40	843	Locust Valley, "
College Point	E. S. Fairchild†	85	6	4	2	...	1	81	6	...	8	1	196	800	8,000	College Point, "
	Total	1787	178	72	75	1	41	2866	277	55	747	25	3754	$4,364 66	$52,702 76	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. John B. Alliger Jamaica, L. I. E. S. Fairchild, † Pastor Elect, College Point, L. I. Alexander McKelvey, Park Ridge, N. J. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, Astoria, L. I.

Candidate.—Matthias L. Haynes, * Astoria, L. I.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brooklyn	Joseph Kimball	190	38	8	11	...	3	428	11	....	....	2	708	$15,864 94	$8,815	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	11	2	5	...	1	272	6	8	150	1	333	5,700	3,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	Vacant	62						28	2			1	74			"
New Utrecht	David S. Sutphen (S. C.)	95	6	2	....	....	4	†206	12	....	160	3	332	1,184 14	2,925	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	125	2	1	1	...	3	187	12	....	183	2	183	542 50	3,983 67	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	3	3	2	...	5	164	19	1	100	2	200	1,067 14	2,896	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Vacant	70	4	3	1	..	5	120	16	....	....	1	75	345 17	2,021 29	East New York, "
East New York	C. R. Blauvelt	65	3	2	9	...	1	110	6	1	200	1	300	498 27	2,700	"
South Brooklyn	Vacant	20	....	....	2	...	4	49	2	....	....	1	135	161 50	1,301 68	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	283	15	17	16	..	10	491	8	6	278	1	488	1,404 02	9,878 43	" "
Twelfth Street	N. P. Pierce.	125	30	21	15	...	2	274	16	12	150	1	300	369 68	7,137 33	" "
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	127	17	19	18	2	5	392	4	4	115	2	585	13,914 54	10,694 84	" "
New Brooklyn	C. F. C. Suckow	90	41	.	....	...	3	256	100	....	90	1	....	55	1,259 80	New Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	197	60	63	4	...	2	399	11	17	63	1	307	267	14,958	Brooklyn, "
Rockville Centre	.....	82	12	29	...	...	...	41	..	3	....	1	110			"
	Total	1701	242	170	84	2	48	3417	225	47	1424	21	4980	$41,373 90	$71,576 49	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Rev. John A. Landing, D.D., Secretary of Board of Publication, 34 Vesey Street, New York; Rev. Julius Hones, 209 Stockton Street, Brooklyu; Rev. Daniel Rapalye, Missionary to China; Rev. Alexandr Shaw, Bethany Chapel; Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J H Manning, D. D., Brooklyn; Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I.

† Revised List.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Collegiate, New York	Thomas DeWitt															55 East 9th Street,	N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye															15 West 56th Street,	"
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)															70 West 36th Street,	"
	James M. Ludlow															116 West 48th Street,	"
	William Ormiston	630	88	44	49		80	1687	40	9		7	2418	$34,296		158 East 27th Street,	"
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	165	17	11	18		4	267	10	2	250	1	420	1,868 78		327 East 124th Street,	"
South New York	Ebenezer P Rogers	185	16		5		8	482	13	1		8	709	16,780 46		42 West 27th Street,	"
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	17	1	8		4	320	22	2	50	2	425	1,306 26	$4,609 84	Port Richmond,	S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	52	6				1	71	2		60	1	60			316 West 52d Street.	N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Hervey D. Ganse.		9	10					10	2	140	1	140	976	12,718 60	707 Lexington Avenue,	"
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley		27	11	22		8	564	14	8		1	285	1,070	7,364	344 West 32d Street,	"
German Evan Mission	Julius W. Geyer	215	63		8		10	500	45		76	1	500	2,115	2,510	82 Second Street,	"
St. Paul's	Vacant																
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	23	1					45	4			1	54		449 71	Richmond,	S. I.
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	90	15	7	10		4	151	8	4	210	1	325	425	4,350	Mott Haven,	N. Y.
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip		3		1			44	1			1	74	170 14		Sea Side,	S. I.
Fourth German	John H. Oeter	50	11		3			169	24		18	1	170	1.548 58	122 58	248 West 40th Street,	N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	65	14	11	6			148	10	6	185	1	285	1.496	2,734	231 East 86th Street,	"
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	8	4	1		2	92	11					58 58	600	232 Eighth Avenue,	"
Brookfield, Conn.	Ransford Wells	40	8					47	3	1		1	70	90	750	Brookfield, Conn.	
	Total	1760	308	99	121		66	4582	217	35	989	28	5921	$62,195 80	$36,208 23		

Ministers without Charge.—John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point. N J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South Fifth Street, Williamsburgh, L. I. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. E. S. Cleghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors.—J H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th Street, N. Y. Wm. H. DeHart, 247 West 38th, Street, N. Y. Vernon B. Carroll, 30 West 60th St., N. Y. L. W. Kipp, Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., Missionary to Florence. Charles H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan. Wm. L. Johnson, Mebanesville, North Carolina.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	90	8	4	1	...	2	193	11	3	180	1	218	$799 85	$11,176 96	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	Mancius S. Hutton	82	5	4	12	...	3	204	10	5	30	1	125	1,637	9,248	47 East 9th Street, New York.
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker, (s. c)	65	11	1	...	...	3	217	51	2	40	1	190	280	1,525	Brooklyn, E. D.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	William B. Merritt	.....	22	22	14	...	4	248	21	10	50	1	220	299 11	5,210 01	34 Charles Street, New York.
German Ref. P. Norfolk St.	Henry A. Friedel	245	30	2	1	1	6	395	97	..	68	1	550	900	2,300	129 Norfolk St., New York.
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson	138	27	38	9	...	4	.....	26	5	.....	1	306	.....	.....	180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn.
	Total	620	103	66	37	1	22	1252	216	25	368	6	1609	$3,915 96	$29,454 97	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Wiggins, St. Charles Hotel, New York City. Rev. John B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. Aaron Loyd, New York City. Rev. Alexander C. Hillman, 214 Division Avenue, Williamsburgh, L. I. Rev. Luther G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	Laurence L. Comfort	60	9	12	3		1	86	4	1		1		$123 95	$1,839 70	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Augustus F. Todd	74	8	8	5		4	109	7	4	35	1	19	52 81	1,160 50	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon	William Elterich	100	22	1	3		2	204	30		14	1		24 70	824 86	Call'coon, " "
Claryville	Vacant											1	90			Claryvile, " "
Cuddebackville	Vacant	56		9				43			58	1	62	99 80	917 56	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	167	5	4			5	217	8	2	150	2	240	1.497 59	8,498 07	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	Edward W Bentley, (s.c.)	70	7	6	4		2	249	4	2	12	2	152	240	1,700	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	90	2		4		2	118	6	2		1	70	237	840	Woodbourn, Sull. Co., "
Fremont	William Elterich	50	14		9		2	116	13		10	1		4	145 07	Fremont, " "
Grahamville	Vacant	45			4		1	105				1	50			Grahamville, " "
Jeffersonville	William Elterich	50	13	2			1	110	8		11	1	40	9 75	260 74	Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	John DuBois	70	1	3			1	84	5			1	75	11	590	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	Edward G. Ackerman											1				Wurtsboro, Sull. Co., "
Minnisink	William E Turner	52			1		1	56				1	42	28	600	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	Cornelius Brett	178	21	4	6		5	316	6	10		2	100	1.298 22	8,876 87	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	280	50	19	4	1	7	439	22	21	50	2	300	1,175 99	7,679	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	110	3	1	3		4	153	12	2	90	1	150	179	1,767	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	80	8	2	2		5	184	5			1		32	614	Ulsterville, " "
North Branch	William Elterich	42	10				3	73	27	1	7	1	40	2	98	Callicoon, Sull. Co., "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	100	2		4	1	2	256	6		70	2	100	169	1,305 47	Brunswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker	100	10	5	6		2	195	6	4	100	2	110	694 18	1,600	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	70	6	3	2		1	78	5	3	15	1	45	108 55	2,049	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	67	4	1	3		1	59	3	2	46	1	95	58	750	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co. Pa.
Walpack, Lower	John F. Shaw	100	20		2		1	177	4	5	50	1	130	110 55	2,145	Bushkill, Munroe Co., "
Wawarsing	Vacant	120		4			2	188			175	1	180	110 42	1,092 59	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.
	Total	3881	215	84	65	2	55	3535	181	59	893	31	2145	$6,847 44	$32,222 94	

Ministers without Charge.—Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, Broome Co., N. Y. Nathan W. Jones, Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., N. Y. Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	20	16	4	...	6	438	9	6	12	1	230	$ 696 58	$5.400	Poughkeepsie, N Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	133	14	18	2	...	2	279	3	7	.....	2	210	3.863 68	5.497 26	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	95	10	4	...	2	7	167	2	7	84	1	54	809 76	1.718	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	115	8	2	1	...	3	*226	3	1	50	3	175	328 29	1,098 40	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	116	...	2	...	...	3	150	3	....	40	4	200	351 62	1.250	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	5	4	9	...	10	284	3	....	140	1	140	450 76	2,500	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	14	3	6	...	4	201	6	5	.....	1	175	580 15	3,670 96	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	9	5	11	...	7	162	3	1	.....	1	60	24 24	1.400	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	J. Scudder, S. S	55	2	3	2	...	...	67	3	....	78	2	222	847	1,325	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	J. C. Van Deventer	84	19	3	2	...	2	44	....	12	46	1	54	†38 45	2,080 82	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	90	4	1	4	3	1	118	4	5	.....	3	180	4,259 82	2,000	Millbrook, "
	Total	1168	105	68	41	5	45	2136	44	44	547	21	1700	$18,696 78	$28,185 44	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Geneva, Switzerland.

* Corrected List. † For six months only.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	45	2	5	3			53		2		1	81	$251 05	$2,182	Bronxville, N. Y.
Courtlandtown	John B Thompson		20	1			1	40	8	6	100	1	100			Peekskill, "
Fordham	William Brush	†50			2		3	†61			20	1	60	250	2,985	Fordham, "
Greenburg	Francis Bagley	44	4	2	1			37	4		20	1	25	25	1,575	Tarrytown, "
Greenville	R. L. Schoonmaker, P. E.	35	2	1	3		1	59	1			1	50		1,200	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thomas E. G. Peck	90	8	4	3		2	164	4			2	210	1,000 18	3,678 56	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	George Windemuth	54	9		6		1	120	27		10	1	175	62	927 78	Morrisania, "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s. c.)	†115	9	14	4			†175	7	1	174	1	174	358 89	4,754 82	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	John B. Thompson	62		1	5			114	7			1	120	89 99	2,251	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John Knox Allen	126	5	6	5		7	243	3	2		1	155	868	5,094 84	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	6	4	11		6	295	2	1	60	1	100	2,085 65	4,172 98	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Lawrence H. Van Dyck	†34		1			1	56	1		15	1	80	98 65	800	Neperan, "
West Farms	John Simonson	†56	6	2	2			†63	5	3	48	1	133	318 52	1,303 20	West Farms, "
Yonkers	David Cole	†118	11	9	1		2	†234	12	1	100	1	342	1,699 76	6,326 08	Yonkers, "
	Total	829	77	50	47		24	1714	81	10	547	15	1765	$7,102 87	$37,150 71	

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau St., N. Y. W. J. Hill, Hibernia, N. Y.

Candidates.—Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.

† The reduction of families and members is in accordance with the directions of Synod. Minutes Vol. XI p. 80.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR YEAR 1874.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total No. Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Arcot	17	8	2	686	29	58	781	105	52	890	44	727	R.1,882 18 1	R.818 9 11	Rev. John Scudder
Classis of Hudson	10	12	..	1070	74	25	1725	59	19	140	18	1333	$5,111 67	$20,144 42	JohnMcC. Holmes.
Classis of Kingston	18	9	..	1346	70	24	2041	97	28	512	24	1760	2,902 80	17,998 14	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	18	21	1	1787	178	72	2866	277	55	747	25	3754	4,864 66	52,702 76	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	14	20	..	1701	170	84	3417	225	47	1424	21	4330	41,378 90	71,576 49	David S. Sutphen.
Classis of New York	16	30	.	1760	303	99	4582	217	85	989	23	5921	62,195 80	86,208 28	Talbot W. Chambers.
South Classis of New York	6	11	1	720	108	66	1252	216	25	368	6	1609	8,915 96	29,454 97	S. H Meeker.
Classis of Orange	25	24	..	3381	215	84	3535	181	59	893	31	2145	6,847 44	32,222 94	Edward W. Bentley.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	17	.	1168	105	68	2136	44	44	547	21	1700	18,696 78	23,185 44	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Westchester	14	18	2	118	77	50	1714	81	10	547	15	1765	7,102 87	37,150 71	Manclus H. Hutton.
Total	144	170	6	18582	1324	620	28999	1502	374	6557	223	25044	$147,011 97	$325,639 10	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported in reference to the minutes of each of the Classes, as follows: and the reports were accepted, in some cases amended, and all adopted.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson would report, that after an examination of the same, they find them correctly kept, and nothing claiming their attention.

ALEXANDER C. HILLMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston, report: That the Minutes have been examined, and are well kept. At the meeting held October 14, 1873, we find the following: In Minutes of Particular Synod, page 31, inaccuracy in Statistical Table.

Resolved, That the attention of Synod be called to this.

The following Churches answer *No* to the second constitutional question, viz.. Guilford, Hurley, North Marbletown and Rosendale.

Resolved, That Classes which do not censure Churches for non-performance of duty, as shown by their answers to the constitutional Questions, be censured.

Respectfully submitted,

P. VAN WYCK, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee appointed on the Minutes of North Classis of Long Island, report that the book submitted to them contains the record of but one session, the last semi-annual session held at Astoria, L. I. The Minutes were found to be in order. On page 5 we find the following: that the question, Has a collection been taken up during the year for each of the Boards and Funds of the Church? answered affirmatively only by the churches of Jamaica, North Hempstead and Astoria, "except the Church Building Fund." It is presumed from the statement, either that the inquiry was not proposed to the other churches, or else that they answered in the negative. It seems to your Committee important that the answers should be recorded, and that the

churches of our Classes should be held to the strictest possible account in the matter of benevolence.

Resolved, That the attention of the North Classis of Long Island be called to this matter, and that they be enjoined to present full reports upon the subject from year to year, and, so far as possible, seek to secure the compliance of the churches under their care with the requirements of the General Synod regarding our benevolent operations. We find no other matters that seem to require the attention of Synod.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee on the Minutes of South Classis of L. I. report, That they have examined the Minutes and find them correct, with the following exception. The answer *No* to certain constitutional questions was passed without further notice.

ISAAC RILEY, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of New York, would respectfully report that they find nothing to call for special attention.

JOSEPH KIMBALL, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee on the Minutes of South Classis of New York, report that they have examined the Minutes of the Fall meeting, and a special meeting held Feb. 3d. 1874, and the Spring meeting held April 21st, 1874, and find them correctly kept and in order.

C. SPAULDING, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—The Committee on the Book of Minutes of the Classis of Orange, report that they have discharged that duty, and find the records of that Classis to be in order.

CHARLES W. FRITTS,
ISAAC RIGGS, } *Committee.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—The Committee on the Classical Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, have examined the Book of Minutes, and find them in order and correctly kept.

J. SIMONSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—The Committee appointed to review the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, report that they find them well kept. One matter calls for attention. On page 320 it is stated that the Rev. Francis Bagley, of the Presbytery of Buffalo, was received on signifying his acceptance of the Standards of the Reformed Church, and arrangements were made for his installation over the Church of Greenburg. No mention of an examination is made. We raise the question: Were the provisions of the Constitution observed in this particular?

The matter having been recommitted, the following was added:

This Committee on Minutes of Classis of Westchester, farther report, that the record on page 320 does not mention any of the appointments of an examination, such as the attendance of a Deputatus Synodi, time, or place of the holding of the same, therefore,

Resolved, That such irregularity ought not to exist, and that said Classis is hereby enjoined to regard the well-known rules of our Church touching this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. WYCKOFF,
H. P. ALLEN.

Note.—It was expressly stated that the resolution of censure passed in connection with the report of the Minutes of Classis of Kingston was made in general terms, in order to apply to all those Classes which appear upon their records as at fault in the matter referred to.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business report a request made by the Classis of New York, that in case the General Synod. to meet next June, set off the Church of Mattoax, Amelia Co., Va., to the Particular Synod of New York, this Synod will consent to such transfer, and receive said Church within their bounds. Your Committee recommend that this request be acceded to.

The Committee furthermore report, that a communication from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick states, that records and papers of the old Classis of Hackensack are in present keeping of the Particular Synod of New York, and requests that such records and papers be transferred to the care of the Particular Synod to which the Churches occupying the bounds of that Classis now belong.

Your Committee recommend that this request be granted, and that the necessary steps be taken for the transfer.

All which submitted.

JOS. KIMBALL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations, having submitted a double number of names, the following were, by ballot, elected members of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., for the next four years:

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and Elder John Lyon, of the Classis of Orange.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

STRICT EXAMINATIONS.

The following report of a Deputatus Synodi was forwarded too late for presentation.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned, Deputatus Synodi of the Classis of Orange, was present at a meeting of the Classis of Kingston, held at the Reformed Church, Guilford, July 10th, 1873, when the licentiate, Calvin E. Lasher, was examined with a view to his ordination and installation as Pastor of said Church.

The examination was strictly in accordance with the Constitution, and was unanimously sustained by the Classis.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER.

Waldon, May 5th, 1874.

Resolved, That the Deputati Synodi for the past year be directed to report to Particular Synod as to any examinations they may have attended during the year, and where this duty has been neglected, they be censured for not having made such report before the present meeting.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

DEPUTATI SYNODI.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Primarius, H. V. S. Myers; *Secundus*, D. B. Wycoff.

Classis of Kingston.—Primarius, Philip Peltz; *Secundus*, Victor M. Hulbert.

North Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, Chas. I. Shepherd; *Secundus*, George D. Hulst.

South Classis of Long Island.—Primarius, A. P Stockwell; *Secundus*, David S. Sutphen.

Classis of New York.—Primarius, Hasbrouck DuBois; *Secundus*, Julius W. Geyer.

South Classis of New York.—Primarius, S. H. Meeker; *Secundus*, William T. Enyard.

Classis of Orange.—Primarius, W. S. Brown; *Secundus*, Augustus F. Todd.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Primarius, Acmon P. Van Gieson; *Secundus*, Henry Ward.

Classis of Westchester.—Primarius, John Simonson; *Secundus*, David Cole.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod occupied the first half hour of each morning session in devotional exercises.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this Session for distribution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Classical Minutes consist of one Minister and one Elder for each Book of Minutes.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk insert in the Minutes of this Particular Synod the report upon each Book of Minutes of the various Classes.

In view of the importance of the field in the City of New York, and the state of some of the Churches there as requiring sympathy, advice and aid, therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of New York, and of the South Classis of New York, be called to the subject, and they be advised to have more frequent sessions during the year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially given to the Pastor and Consistory of the Second Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie for the accommodations afforded in connection with our meeting, and to the families of the First and Second Churches who have so kindly and courteously entertained the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That the doorkeeper's bill, amonnting to three dollars ($3) be paid.

ARTICLE XXII.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

	Dr.	
1873		
July 25	To Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of	
1874	1873 (450 copies)	$118 10
April 17	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for Salary as	
	Stated Clerk to May 1874	50 00
"	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois D.D. for traveling	
	expenses and postage	3 54
May 2	Cash balance due Synod to new account	215 45
		$387 09
	Cr.	
1873		
May 6	By Cash Balance from old account	$387 09

The Committee on the Questorate reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's accounts as placed in their hands, together with the accompanying vouchers. We find the account correct, and the vouchers corresponding to the statement given. The balance in hands of the Questor to be carried to the new account is two hundred and fifteen dollars and forty five cents. ($215, $\frac{45}{100}$)

C. L. WELLS.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From the Classis of Arcot.

Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D.
Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. B. Church,	Elder J. M. Strever,
" T. S. Dusenberre,	" D. S. Wright,
" P. Van Wyck.	" J. Scott.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. W. Schenck,	Elder Tobias Van Drusen,
" J. S. Himrod,	" C. A. Hallenbeck.
" H. R. Schermerhorn.	" J. C. Benham, M.D.

From the Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D.,	Elder Jonathan Deyo,
" Augustus Blauvelt, D.D.,	" Roelif Eltinge,
" J. Ferguson Harris.	" Benj. Elmendorf.

SECUNDI.

Rev. M. F. Liebenau,	Elder G. W. Le Fever,
" S. P. M. Hastings,	" Abram Vernoy,
" V. M. Hulbert, D.D.	" D. S. Schoonmaker.

From the North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. B. Ailiger,	Elder Daniel V. Weeks,
" John M. Wagner,	" Ernest Lange,
" Alexander McKelvey.	" Henry R. Broad.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke,	Elder Henry S. Vanderveer,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" Isaac Amberman,
" W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	" Michael Diehl.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David S. Sutphen,	Elder J. R. Bennet,
" Cornelius R. Blauvelt,	" C. H. Sampson,
" Edward P. Ingersoll.	" D. Vanderveer.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. F. C. Suckow,	Elder Richard Remsen, Jr.,
" Anson DuBois, D.D.,	" R. H. Gray,
" J. Halsted Carroll, D.D.	" Michael Bergen.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Forsyth, D.D.,	Elder Jonathan Sturges,
" Harvey D. Ganse,	" James Wood.
" Ransford Wells, D.D.	" Abraham C. Wood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Isaac Riley,	Elder James Anderson, M.D.,
" William Ormiston, D.D.,	" Charles Harken,
" Ebenezer P. Rogers, D.D.	" Horatio P. Allen.

From South Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. B. Steele,	Elder Wm. A. Collins,
" E. Wiggins, D.D.,	" J. W. Baker.
" A. R. Thompson, D.D.	" Andrew Wright.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. B. Merritt,	Elder Frank Nollman,
" H. A. Friedel,	" Richard H. Bull,
" S. H. Meeker.	" Charles I. Debevoise.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Augustus F. Todd,	Elder John Lyon,
" J. F. Shaw,	" Andrew S. Schoonmaker,
" R. H. Beattie.	" A. S. D. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. W. Mills,	Elder Joseph Lawson.
" Cornelius Brett,	" J. Edger, M.D.,
" John DuBois.	" D. W. Rapalje.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Elder Edwin Hill,
" C. W. Fritts,	" Walter Brett,
" Alonzo P. Peeke.	" M. A. Fowler.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.,	Elder Sidney Scofield,
" C. Van Cleef,	" Jacob B. Jewett,
" Henry Dater.	" Isaac Riggs.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Washington Roosevelt,	Elder Richard Walsh,
" John Simonson,	" Jacob Storm,
" John B. Thompson, D.D.	" I. Pooley, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. L. H. Van Dyck,	Elder Ebenezer Reynolds,
" William Brush,	" Sanford Cobb,
" John A. Todd, D.D.	" L. J. Mabie.

ARTICLE XXIV.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Rev. Wm. B. Merritt and Victor M. Hulbert, D.D., were appointed delegates to the Particular Synod of Albany assembling at Kingston.

ARTICLE XXV.

INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXVI.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next Stated Session of the Particular Synod of New York be held in the Church of Brooklyn, on the first Tuesday of May, A.D. 1875, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Roll was called. Synod adjourned, with prayer by the President.

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE, *President.*
DAVID COLE, *Adsessor.*
WM. B. MERRITT, } *Clerks.*
GEO. D. HULST, }

Official copy from the original minutes.

ANSON DuBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

Wm. H. Van Eyck

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN STATED SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1875, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, D.D., the President of the last Synod, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the same day, from Psalms 61: 2: "*Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D., Rev. James Wyckoff.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Rev. A. Blauvelt, D.D., Rev. J. F. Harris. *Elders*—A. D. Craig, Joseph Hasbrouck, John A. Elmendorf.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. William Ferris, Rev. Mathew L. Haines, Rev. Minor Swick. *Elders*—Frederick A. Lancashire, Ernest J. Lange, Daniel F. Weeks.

South Classis of Long Island. — Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., Rev. D. S. Sutphen, Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow. *Elders*—A. J. Beekman, J. Remsen Bennet, G. Copeland, Jeremiah Bergen.

Classis of New York.—Rev. Isaac Riley, Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., Rev. V. B. Carroll, Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois.

South Classis of New York.—Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., Rev. L. G. Bingham, Rev. A. C. Hillman, Rev. Wm. B. Merritt. *Elders*—J. W. Baker, Richard H. Bull, Andrew Wright, G. S. Littel, M. D.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. M. V. Schoonmaker, Rev. Cornelius Brett, Rev. Wm. E. Turner, Rev. S. J. Rogers. *Elder*—A. Bookstaver.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. Graham Taylor, Rev. H. N. Cobb. *Elder*—Edmond Luyster.

Classis of Westchester.—Rev. Alfred E. Myers, Rev. Mancius H. Hutton, Rev. Wm J. Hill, Rev. T. R. G. Peck.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D., was elected *President;* and Rev. William B. Merritt was elected *Adsessor;* and Rev. Graham Taylor and Rev. Alfred E. Myers were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No delegates appeared.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, were read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. M. V. Schoonmaker, Isaac Riley Wm. Ferris. *Elders*—Joseph Hasbrouck, D. V. Weeks.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.

For Classis of Hudson.—Rev. S. J. Rogers. *Elder*—A. D Craig.

For Classis of Kingston.—Rev. James Wyckoff. *Elder*—G. Copeland.

For North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. P. Peltz. *Elder*—John A. Elmendorf.

For South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. J. F. Harris. *Elder*—A. Bookstaver.

For Classis of New York.—Rev. M. H. Hutton. *Elder*—A. J. Beekman.

For South Classis of New York.—Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, *Elder*—F. A. Lancashire.

For Classis of Orange.—Rev. A. C. Hillman. *Elder*—Jeremiah Bergen.

For Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. V. B. Carroll. *Elder*—E. J. Lange.

For Classis of Westchester.—Rev. Wm. Ferris. *Elder*—Andrew Wright.

On Classical Report.—Revs. E. P. Rogers, D. S. Sutphen, C. Brett. *Elders*—R. H. Bull, Edmond Luyster.

On the Questorate.—Revs. E. P. Ingersoll, M. H. Hutton, M. L. Haines. *Elders*—A. J. Beekman, G. S. Littel, M. D.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. H. N. Cobb, V. B. Carroll, C. Brett. *Elders*—J. R. Bennet, J. W. Baker.

On Nominations.—Revs. M. S. Hutton, W. E. Turner, A. Blauvelt. *Elders*—G. Copeland, A. D. Craig.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

An overture was received from the Classis of Hudson, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures, and is as follows:

To the Rev. the Particular Synod of New York:

The Classis of Hudson, in view of the fact that the Board of Superintendents, as now constituted, do not in any sense represent the Classes; that they are appointed by, and the servants of, the Particular Synods; and persuaded that to pay the expenses of the members of that Board is an unequal tax upon those Classes out of whose bounds members are taken; do, therefore, most respectfully submit to the Particular Synod of New York, that it is only equitable and just that that Reverend Body make provision, and be liable for, such expenses. And this Classis do hereby earnestly and reverently ask the said Particular Synod to take action in this matter at their approaching session.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

An overture was received from South Classis of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures, and is as follows:

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Delegates to the Particular Synod be instructed to advocate the union of the South Classis of New York with the Classis of New York.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. J. M. Ferris, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, and from Dr. David Cole, stating the sickness of the Missionary Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, at Yonkers, and asking his appointment as Delegate to General Synod from Classis of Arcot. It was referred to Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which were accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report—

That copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Chicago, of Albany, and of New Brunswick were laid upon the table of the Particular Synod of New York, and have been examined by your Committee.

Of the Minutes of General Synod, June, 1874, on page 101, on Synodical References, your Committee find the following:

Resolved, That the Particular Synods call the attention of their various Classes to the requirements of the Constitution, as found in Sec. 13—or page 28 of the new edition (see book)—Art. VI., Sec. 13.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes of the Particular Synod of New York be called to the requirements of the Constitution, page 28, Sec. 13.

Again, *Resolved*, That each Particular Synod be required to make and publish a summary table of the classical reports.

This resolution, your Committee are happy to state, has been complied with in a most satisfactory manner, and will add greatly to the interest of the meetings, as well as the Minutes of Particular Synod.

Again, *Resolved*, That the several Particular Synods call the attention of the various Classes to the subject of Benevolence, and urge the claims of the Boards and Funds of the Church.

Your Committee would suggest, that this Synod reiterate the importance of this matter, and that all our Classes be directed to give special attention to this resolution of the General Synod.

All which is submitted.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, CHICAGO AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Copies of the Minutes of the year 1874 of each of these Synods were received and laid on the table. They were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports beg leave to report—

Returns from all the Classes have been made to the Synod. An examination of them reveals the fact of the continued life of the Churches, their general harmony and peace, the regular maintenance of the worship and ordinances of God's House, and some additions to the number of communicants, on confession of their faith. There has been a slight increase in the number of these over the Report of last year. As reported, 1,465 have been added on confession, against 1,324 reported last year. According to the reports, the contributions to the cause of Christian benevolence have fallen off more than $20,000. We believe that this is due to the depression of the times in the community generally, in which the Church has shared, rather than to any lack of interest in the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. The total reported is about $120,000, which averages nearly $800 to each congregation, and about $5 to each communicant.

The several reports from the Classes unite in speaking of the ordinary tokens of the Divine favor, upon the use of the means of grace. But little is said of any special religious interest, and few report anything worthy of special notice. The year that is past has, on the whole, been conspicuous, rather, for the absence of anything like revival, amd presents nothing to which the Committee

think it important to call the attention of Synod. Your time is too precious to be spent in listening to generalities, which are not even "glittering." As the custom of the Synod is to publish the Classical Reports in full, the details of our history during the past year will thus be spread before the Church. It is too much to ask of the Committee, that they should attempt to cull out from these ten reports, written in all sorts of chirography, and very generally couched in a sort of "regulation phraseology," any special extracts with which to enlarge their own report. There is, perhaps, some cause for gratitude that there is so little in these accounts from the Churches to minister to any increase of an unholy pride of denominational progress and power, while there is much to warrant the continued conviction that, in the language of one of our hymns, our Church is like a

"Host, that moves
Majestically slow!"

And we can all safely and properly unite in thanksgiving, that the Churches within the bounds of this Particular Synod are alive, and doing as well as can be expected!

Respectfully submitted.

E. P. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Enclosed please find the Report of the Arcot Classis for the year 1874, which kindly present to the Particular Synod of New York, and also to the General Synod.

I have nothing particular to report beyond what is contained in the statistics. We have had many things during the past year to try our faith; still we are not without the tokens of God's blessing. Is the Church at home mindful of us in their prayers? I sometimes feel that if more earnest prayer were offered for the missionary work, we should receive a greater blessing. Pray for us, brethren.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN SCUDDER,

Stated Clerk.

Germantown says: "There has, at times, been a very decided manifestation of interest in eternal things. Though no fruit has been gathered since the early part of our ecclesiastical year, yet, we believe, that, even now, grace is maturing some for a *future* ingathering. We have had troubles; but are hoping and praying for more peaceful and happier days."

Greenport, says: "She responds to the call of the Classis with a more cheerful spirit, this, than the former year. While no manifestation of the Holy Spirit in a general refreshing has been enjoyed, yet, during the most of the year, particularly the last three months, the converting grace of God has appeared. There has been an increasing attention to the Word of God, seen both from the study of the Bible, and the dispensations of the Pulpit. Sabbath school instruction is efficient, and successful. Benevolence is on the increase. The financial condition of the Church same as last year, out of debt."

Greenbush. "Reports a year of prosperity. The Church has enjoyed quiet and substantial growth. In the year, extensive repairs have been made to the parsonage, at a cost of $1,800. During the last four years, we have expended for the improvement of our church buildings. over $6,000, of which amount we still owe $1,750. With firm faith in God, and with warm attachment to the doctrines and usages of the Reformed Church, we enter upon the duties of a new classical year."

Taghkanic, reports that "The last year has been one of usual temporal prosperity. But there has been a lack of that deep spirituality so observable in previous years. The Sabbath services have been sustained, by encouraging audiences, and the ordinances have been regularly administered, but there is a lack of interest on the part of the membership in behalf of the unconverted."

From this retrospect it appears that seventy-one have been added to the communion of the Church; forty-nine by confession; twenty-two by certificate—nearly one half in one single Church. But that does not necessarily determine that Church the only faithful one, It does, however, show a disposition on the part of the people, especially when coupled with their report of "an unusally healthy state of religious feeling," to "receive the Word of God which they hear of a man, *not as the word of men*," *etc.*, 1 *Thess.* 2: 13. And

the "healthly religious feeling," testifies to a proper entertainment of Jesus Christ as Head and Ruler, and Lord, as well as bestower of blessing. Hearts will burn, within, at the presentation of the Scriptures by our Lord; but the receiver of instruction will not know it, until his eyes are opened, and he knows that it was Jesus, who talked with them. There is a difference between fields when under the same sun and atmosphere; the one, from the same seed, grows a luxuriant crop, and the other immediately by its side is bare, or brings forth only sickly and fruitless stalks. The difference in results is reported. Perhaps we may assume, that the gospel received is the same, the Holy Spirit, given by the Lord to lead into all truth, the same Spirit.

So the song of gladness, and the wail of sorrow, mingle themselves, and so we learn, that a double force of motive presses upon us, to "Awake up in the right way and sin not." Whatever be the state of religious feeling or the spirit of religious experience, in our Churches, they are exerting influence. Influence of kind and of tendency akin to that state and spirit. They are leading the communities in which they are planted, heavenward, or they are sending them hell-ward.

In the light of all that is depressing, self-judgment and self-humiliation are the first duties. For *all of such character, is our fault.* The Holy Spirit is never idle; and He is never ineffective, except we by our obstinacy, or prejudice, or unbelief, or all, make Him so. The preacher of the gospel, and the liver of the gospel, is a "savor of death unto death," to such only as are "perishing," and perishing because they "believe not in Him" whom "God gave," because He "loved the world."

In the light of all that is cheering, praise, thanksgiving, renewed devotion, are the first duties. For *all of such character is evidence of the practical bounty of Divine grace.* Bounty, by the way, which by its fullness and richness, convicts these Churches of the main obstacle to the efficiency of the gospel; and that is, the vast disproportion between the actual appropriations of the people, to the sustenance of the gospel work, and their ability.

If the gathering in of souls saved by and rejoicing in Jesus Christ be "blessing," and if blessing in fullness and amount such as will satisfy our craving, depend upon "all the tithes being brought

into the storehouse," then, long and many must be the strides in advance in the great matter of "honoring the Lord with the substance," in the Churches of the Classis of Hudson, ere the time come when blessing, that assumes the character of burden, shall come down from Heaven's open windows.

God grant such manifestation of power, and grace, as will hurry us all up to the point of true appreciation of our blood bought pivileges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SCHENCK.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that communications have come into their hands from all the Churches of the Classis.

The Church of Clove reports, "A good season of prosperity," both in spiritual and temporal things. The "Sabbath schools are in good working order." Charity to the poor has been systematically dispensed through a society organized for this purpose, which embraces all the members of the Church. "The cause of temperance has received much attention." The roll of members has been "overhauled and corrected, which will account for a discrepancy between this and the previous report."

The Church at Dashville Falls, since the last report, has united with the Church of St. Remy in calling a pastor, who was installed on the 27th of October, 1874. Much fruit is hoped for from the efforts put forth, but as yet the spiritual condition of the Church is very little changed from what it was one year ago.

The Church at Guilford is unable to report any special work of grace, but has reason to rejoice that at every communion one or more have been added to the Church. Church services and prayer meetings are well attended, and Sabbath schools flourishing.

The Churches of Hurley and North Marbletown, composing our pastoral charge present a joint report. There has not been in either of these Churches any special manifestation of spiritual life; they are not, however, discouraged, but labor on and pray on, trusting in the promises.

The Second Church at Kingston, since the last report, has called a pastor, who was duly installed on the 2d day of August last. The blessing of God seems to rest on the new relation. The affairs of the Church in general are in a prosperous condition. The roll of membership of this Church has been still further revised and proved.

The Church of Marbletown, with nothing extraordinary to report, is still happy to record a somewhat increased prosperity. Some extra services have been held, marked by manifest tokens of the Spirit's presence and power. The recommendation of Classis in reference to the separation of Lyonsville district from the Church of the Ridge, to be united with the Church of Kromville, has not yet been carried out; but the union of Lyonsville and Kromville is only a question of time.

The Church at New Paltz had tokens of Divine goodness, which, however, have not been properly answered by faith in the Lord, or the practice of Christian devotion. Some souls have been gathered into the Church, but many years have passed since a year of such deplorable coldness in the Lord's service has been experienced. The claims of the Lord's cause upon the gifts of His people have been responded to with the usual liberality.

The Church of Rochester reports that the regularity of pastoral service has been somewhat interrupted by the sickness of the pastor, as well as by severe and trying sickness in his family. The need of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is deeply felt by many of the members of the Church, and His presence earnestly desired, which is so far a token for good.

The Church at Rosendale has enjoyed the presence and blessing of God. Several have been awakened, and some converted. The first fruits of the harvest have been gathered, and more are expected.

The Church of St. Remy rejoices in the ministrations of a pastor on the 2d day of November last, and whose labors are already blessed in the ingathering of souls. Attendance upon services has been somewhat interfered with during the Winter by the unfavorable weather and state of the roads.

The Classis, as regards general strength, is in about the same condition now as one year ago. It holds its own; but the question

ought to be carefully pondered: Should not each yearly report show a real progress—a decided aggression upon the kingdom of Satan? And should we not humble ourselves before the Master in view of our unfaithfulness, which must be chargeable with the meagre results of the past year's dispensation of the gospel that has been committed to our hands?

The ministerial changes have been as follows: Rev. Wm. H. Vroom has been received from the Presbytery of Neosho, Kansas, and installed pastor of the Clove. . Rev. James Demarest, Jr., has been received from the Presbytery of Westchester, and installed pastor of the Church of Kingston. The candidate, Wm. W. Todd, has been received from the Classis of Raritan, ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Dashville Falls, and St Remy.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DEMAREST, Jr, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Statistics are but imperfect symbols of spiritual facts. The kingdom of God demonstrates its power in ways which the multiplication table cannot cover. It is well that the annual review of the condition of our Churches should be taken from a higher point of observation than can be found in an arithmetical census.

Every age has its distinctive features, and every year its special phases. Placed and planted as our Churches are, where they feel all the throbbings of the great commercial metropolis—all the excitements which sweep like successive hurricanes over our communities, very much is accomplished when these Churches are maintained in their integrity, and edified in Christian knowledge and personal piety. They are all exposed to chill atmosphere, engendered by a low state of civil and social morality—by the indifferentism which originates in wide-spread distrust, growing out the special enormities in crime that have signalized the political and financial state of our country during the last year. Religion has been put aside by the multitudes that find a ready excuse for their own impiety in the flagrant sins of others. Since our Churches all have stood up against the tide of worldliness that beats against them, and that they have strengthened their defences, is in itself a matter to awaken gratitude.

Some of the Churches have been specially favored in spiritual gains; others have been relieved from the pressure of debt, and still others have made valuable improvements in their houses of worship. The Sabbath-school interest, as shown in all the reports, is clearly enough receiving increased attention from year to year.

The Second Church of Astoria has been greatly helped, and is, therefore, very thankful. Its report says: "With a heart filled with gratitude toward the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we look back upon the year that is passed; this year has been a signal one in the history of our Church; we feel strong in the Lord."

The First Church of Astoria also reports great and substantial progress, increased attendance on all the services, enlargement of the Sabbath school, the prevalence of the spirit of prayer, and a large accession to its membership.

Greenpoint also sends good tidings; it has enjoyed a refreshing from on high, and is harmoniously and cheerfully doing its work, with every encouragement to augmented efforts.

Oyster Bay is happy in having a renovated and beautiful church edifice without the incubus of debt, and hopes for improvement in spiritual things as a consequence of what the people have done to make their venerable edifice neat and attractive.

North Hempstead has been well sustained in temporal matters, and finds in its social prayer meeting a promise of a coming blessing in the word.

South Bushwick has been active, energetic and harmonious, without any special manifestation of the Spirit. "We rejoice in the outlook of the future, for it is full of promise and cheer."

Locust Valley discerns signs of improved spiritual life, and finds much encouragement in its Sabbath school.

Flushing sends no comment on its internal condition, but it is well known that it abides in the strength of a pure faith and diligent service.

The Second Church of Newtown reports for the last three months only; it is now at peace, and getting into fair working condition.

The First Reformed Church of Williamsburgh sends no particular description of its operations beyond what are suggested in the census. It has been strengthened in all respects during the past year. Prayer meetings have been unusually well sustained; it reports one thousand children in its Sunday schools.

Jamaica reports, "The past year has been with us a year of even and quiet prosperity; services on the Sabbath and on the week-days have been well attended. Death has removed several of our dearest and most efficient members; but God seems to have used their deaths in quickening and deepening the spirituality of the Church.

Queens adds nothing to its statistical report; this Church is at present without a pastor.

The German Evangelical of Brooklyn expresses gratitude to the great Head of the Church for His goodness. "Through His kind providence we have been kept in the bonds of peace and harmony. A goodly number of precious souls have been regenerated by His Spirit, and joined to the Church. The only drawback to our happiness is the insufficiency of our accommodations, both for the Church and Sabbath school. We are full, and more than full."

Newtown. "While during the year there has been no special work of grace in our midst, still a number have been constrained to confess Christ, and have cast in their lot with us. At present an increasing interest is manifested in our weekly prayer meetings, larger numbers attending than in former years."

Two new Churches have been organized within the bounds of the congregation.

East Williamsburgh has had marked prosperity during the past year; the Church and congregation have increased in numbers, and enters upon the new ecclesiastical year with encouraging prospects of success.

The First Church at College Point continues to experience the marked blessing of God in things spiritual and temporal.

Sayville has peace and quiet restored; the Lord has blessed this people, and increased their numbers.

St. John's, Laurel Hill. This is a new organization; preaching is maintained in the English and German languages.

A new Church has been organized in Long Island City within the present month, called the First Reformed Church of Long Island City.

There have been several changes within the bounds of this Classis during the past year: The licentiate Matthew L. Haines has been ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Astoria; the licentiate Wm. D. Perry has been received from the Presbytery of New York, and ordained to labor as a missionary in the Church of Laurel Hill; the Rev. John Wenish has been received from the Classis or Newark, and installed pastor of the Second Church of Newtown; the Rev. John Hart has resigned the charge of Locust Valley, and been dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia; the Rev. Thomas Nichols has resigned the charge of the Church of Queens, and has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N. J.; the Rev. Alexander McKelvey has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J.

In conclusion the Classis has great reason to rejoice in the manifest blessing of God in the review of the last year. No root of discord has sprung up to trouble the household of faith. The spirit of prayer has been increased in all the Churches, and a goodly number have been gathered in from the world. Let us thank God and gird on the Gospel armor, and enter upon the work of the new year with the full assurance that the great Head of the Church is ever ready to fulfill His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion, in submitting their report, regret that they have received the requisite information from less than half the Churches of the Classis in season to prepare an abstract of them. This paucity of timely returns will explain the comparative meagerness of the present exhibit, and your Committee's inability to present the customary comparative view with the previous year.

First Church of Brooklyn report: "That in the month of May last our dearly beloved pastor, Rev. Joseph Kimball, D.D., was stricken down, while in the performance of his duties in the pulpit,

preaching a memorial sermon, on the fortieth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of this church; that he lingered until the 6th of December, when the Master called him to the Church on High." While no special religious interest obtains, there has been a decided increase in the Sabbath schools of the Church and Mission.

Flatbush.—Sabbath schools largely attended. Some conversions in them. Four prayer meetings are maintained, and all of them in a flourishing condition. The Colored Mission, though somewhat depressed, is still sustained. The Church has added to her reputation for liberality this year; besides large collections for all the Boards and charities, the Church has given upwards of a thousand dollars to the Twelfth Street Church.

Church on the Heights.—Accessions to the Church mainly from Sabbath school. The contributions to the Boards and other benevolent objects equal former years, notwithstanding the financial depression of the times.

Flatlands.—Reports no material change from last year.

South Brooklyn.—Every thing encouraging. New pastor; services well attended; yet mourns the loss of two prominent officers.

Middle Church.—Every communion members received on confession—most of them heads of families. Several prayer meetings well sustained—particularly the young ladies' prayer meeting—and much interest in the Sabbath school.

New Brooklyn.—A number of families have withdrawn, to constitute the Second Church of Flatbush; yet the general aspect is cheering.

Second Flatbush.—Organized May 18, 1874. Less than a year old, it has received twenty-one on confession; expects to have a church building soon; and contributes to every Board of the Church. The Sabbath schools are prospering.

New Utrecht.—The past year has been one of severe trial to us as a Church and people; yet one wherein the grace and promises of God were proved. The losses by death exceeds that of many years past. But, while God has stricken, He has not withheld His Spirit. He has gathered others into the fold—a number greater than our loss—and, among them, those that promise great efficiency.

Thus we see that, as one falls, another is raised to carry on the work of the Lord. The cause of benevolence has been well sustained.

East Brooklyn.—Sabbath school large and flourishing—greatly increased in numbers and vitality during the year—keeping pace with the Church. Eighty-nine have been added to the roll of membership, and more than half of these on confession of faith. Reduced the church debt eleven thousand dollars during the year.

The following changes have occurred during the year: Rev. Chas. W. Wood, from the Buffalo Presbytery; Rev. H. V. S. Myers, from the Classis of Hudson; have been received as members of the Classis, and installed—the former, over the Church of New Lots; the latter, over the Church of South Brooklyn. The pastoral relation between the Church of East New York and Rev. C. R. Blauvelt has been dissolved, and the latter has removed to the Classis of Newark. Our beloved brother, Rev. Joseph Kimball, D D, has passed from earthly labor to heavenly rest.

Respectfully submitted.

J. HALSTED CARROLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion discover, in most of the reports submitted to them, by the several Consistories, a spirit of gratitude and hopefulness, befitting the people of God.

The year has been one of comparative prosperity, as respects both the material and the spiritual results. Only one Church, indeed—that of Mott Haven—speaks of unusual revival interest. But, on the other hand, all acknowledge the Divine blessing upon the faithfully used ordinances. During the year, two new Churches have been organized—the Avenue B German Evangelical, and the Union Reformed Church of High Bridge, N. Y. The reports of these Churches, together with those of Bloomingdale, Thirty-fourth Street, German Evangelical, Richmond, Prospect Hill, Holland and Brookfield, contain information inviting the careful consideration of Classis.

The ministerial changes are the following: Rev. E. S. Cleghorn, dismissed to Presbytery of Philadelphia; dissolution of pastoral

relations between Rev. Ransford Wells and the Church of Brookfield, Ct.; the Rev. J. H. Sinclair and the Church at Richmond, Staten Island.

Death has called one of our number. For the first time in almost half a century, our roll lacks the honored name which for many years stood at its head—that of Dr. Thomas DeWitt, who entered into his rest the 18th of May last.

A synopsis of the Reports from the Churches is herewith presented.

The Consistory of the *Collegiate Church* report a steady growth in the attendance upon the services in the Mission Chapels—especially in that connected with the North Church. They mention the ravages of death. During the last autumn an Elder, a Deacon and an ex-Elder were called from earth to Heaven.

Harlem has enjoyed a year of quiet and uninterrupted work. The congregation has lost by removals, and, in some instances, by reason of the financial pressure. Yet the attendance is good; strangers being especially attracted to the evening service.

South New York has had a year of constant harmony and external prosperity. The usual services of the week and Sunday schools have been regularly sustained. About $25,000 have been raised, by voluntary contributions of members of the congregation, with which a neat and commodious chapel has been built; now occupied by one of the Missions of the Church. This Church is represented by two Ministers of the Gospel, laboring, one in New York State, and the other in North Carolina; also by the devoted wife of a Missionary of A. B. C. F. M., in Turkey. All these were from the Sunday school.

Church of Staten Island has remained without note worthy change. The Sunday school is highly prosperous. From it several members have been received into the Church.

Bloomingdale has found the state of the population unfavorable for present visible results, yet is exerting efforts with evidences of Divine favor, and in hopes of fuller manifestations in the future.

Madison Avenue has felt the pressure of financial distress in the business world, but has, nevertheless, erected a Lecture-room, at a

cost of nearly $20,000, paid, almost entirely, by its own members and pew holders. The Church services are attended with apparent interest, and there are signs of religious tenderness.

Thirty-fourth Street speaks of delightful harmony and good feeling. The usual services have been kept up with regularity, and every communion has seen some additions to the Church on confession. It continues to feel seriously the removal of families, and is "more and more at a loss concerning what can be done to save the Church."

German Evangelical Mission has nothing extraordinary to state. The means of grace have been used with zeal and regularity. Prayer meetings, especially Sabbath evenings, have not been quite so full, because of the attractions of neighboring preaching. This Church has a most important work to do among our German population. It says: "We have made a good beginning, and are resolved to go forward."

The Church at Richmond "has survived the year, but is at its last gasp," the prospect for the future being dark and uncertain. Circumstances beyond control will render necessary the discontinuing of regular services after May 15, 1875. The pastor and consistory have united in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The counsel of Classis is earnestly requested.

Mott Haven has had a year of unbroken harmony and prosperity The weekly services have been well attended, extra meetings have been held during the winter, and a good work of grace is apparent. Thirty were received on confession, at the last two communion services.

Church of Huguenots reports that the means of grace have been used, and precious seed sown in hope. Unity of sentiment and peace prevail.

The Fourth German Church finds every reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church. Although a severe and protracted illness of the pastor has prevented him, for a time, from fulfilling the duties of his office, yet the ordinances of the sanctuary have been maintained without interruption. The attendance has been affected by the habit, so common among the Germans—even such as are church members—of neglecting the services. The financial ability has been lessened by the continued commercial depression.

Prospect Hill has suffered greatly, through the continued ill health of the pastor; yet they are not wholly without the witness of the Spirit's presence. During the past year, fourteen have united with the Church on confession, of whom nine were either teachers or scholars in the Sabbath school. Various efforts have been made to secure an associate pastor, but as yet without success. The friendly aid and counsel of Classis is asked.

Holland, though laboring under great difficulties, among which it mentions, especially, the want of a suitable house of worship, "has had the privilege of performing much good for the Master's cause," particularly among strangers going West.

Brookfield has not been left without some evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, in sustaining and comforting His people in the midst of trial and sorrow. The business of Brookfield has very much declined. Several of the most active members, including two of the consistory, have removed, and no others have come to take their places; yet three Sabbath services and a weekly prayer meeting have been maintained. There are now some indications of a revival of business, and an increase of population in consequence, which will result to the benefit of this Church.

Avenue B German Evangelical Church dates from May 21st, 1872; beginning with forty-seven members, which number has already increased to one hundred and forty-five. Some spiritual interest has been evinced, and a pastor has been called.

Union Reformed Church, at High Bridge, was organized June 29th, 1874, with a membership of twenty-five; since which time four have been added. Rev. H. DuBois is acting as stated supply. This, the first report from the new Church, gives an interesting history of its development, from its origin in a Sabbath school, fifteen years ago. It appears that for seven years the sacraments have been regularly administered, for five years, according to the forms of the Reformed Church. During these seven years, twenty-two persons have united with various neighboring Churches, the fruit of labors in this field.

St. Paul's sends no report.

The Church of Mattoax and Amelia Court House, Va., presents only a statistical table, to which is subscribed the name of John Huizenga, Missionary Pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

VERNON B. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion would report, that they have had placed in their hands the Consistorial Reports from Washington Square, Bushwick, Union Reformed, Sixth Avenue, and the German Reformed, of Norfolk Street, and have examined them. Bushwick reports a year of unusual prosperity. Peace and harmony prevail; the attendance upon the preaching of the Word is increasing; and a goodly number have been added to the Church. Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, reports a year of growth and prosperity. Norfolk Street German Reformed Church reports a prosperous year; special attention is being given to the catechising of the young. Washington Square reports nothing special.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. B. MERRITT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

We have received reports from all the Churches except Claryville, Mamakating and Kerhonkson; these reports are unusually full, and in the main encouraging. We give a brief synopsis of each:

Berea laments loss in the removal of some substantial families, but this is counterpoised by gains in spiritual things. Their membership has increased, notwithstanding their families have decreased.

Bloomingburgh has received some refreshing. An addition of 13 on confession is matter for rejoicing. The record of benevolence is, however, not cheering.

Callicoon and the German sisterhood, under Mr. Elterich's care, send us good news of what the Lord is doing for them in adding to their strength both spiritually and materially.

Deerpark reports prosperity in her benevolent work, but laments an absence of spiritual reviving.

Cuddebackville has been greatly blessed under the labors of their new pastor. Twelve have been added on confession, and the faint-hearted have been greatly cheered.

Ellenville says: The state of things with us is not such as we could wish; we are not at all satisfied with it; still our purpose is to hold on, and work on and pray on.

Fallsburgh says: It is a day of small things with us; but their hope is in the fact that the day of small things with man is often the day of great things with God.

Grahamville says: The Lord has visited this Church, and blessed us with an addition of ten members, even while we have been destitute of the regular services of a pastor.

Minnisink says: Our people are earnestly looking to God, and hoping for better things.

Montgomery reports a larger accession to her membership than any of the Churches—thirty-one on confession; and all her church works is prosperous and happy.

Newburgh brings a cheering report; twenty-five added to her communion by profession. Her benevolent contributions heavier than ever before, notwithstanding all financial embarrassment.

New Hurley writes in a hopeful strain, and with much encouragement, but longs for a decisive manifestation of the Spirit's presence.

New Prospect is happy in the enjoyment of peace and harmony, with an increasing interest in the work of the Church.

Shawangunk reports the Church as keeping steadily on its way, adhering to its great purpose, though its benevolence is restricted by the pressure of the times.

Walden is in a healthful state, but sighs for a pentecostal season.

Wallkill Valley deserves special mention by reason of her growth under adverse circumstances, fourteen having been added to her membership, while her congregation is diminished, and her financial standing is critical; she appeals to Classis for aid.

Lower Walpack says: "We have a membership devoted to their Church, and determined in their support of it." That Church has enjoyed many tokens of divine favor in both temporal and spiritual things.

Wawarsing is encouraged; a revived interest in church work is manifest, under the labors of their new pastor. In all departments there is promise; the attendance is good, and the people have a mind to the work.

And thus, taken as a whole, it is seldom that the Classis is able to send up to the Synod a more favorable report. The Churches have all enjoyed a year of peace and quietness. No litigation—no strife—in any of them, and, comparatively few changes.

Rev. John DuBois has been transferred from the Church of Kerhonkson to that of Cuddebackville.

Rev. G. B. Bell has been received from the Presbytery of New York, and installed over the Church of Wawarsing.

Rev. E. G. Ackerman has been dismissed from the Church of Mamakating, and transferred to the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. J. R. Talmage has been dismissed from the Church of Wawarsing, and transferred to the Classis of Kingston

Rev. Joshua Boyd has entered into rest, at the ripe age of eighty-six years.

While there has been no special outpouring of the Spirit, His work has been going on in all our churches; and while death has removed some of our prominent church members, it is with gratitude to God that we acknowledge the fact that none of the active pastors have been called away.

M. V. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Brief extracts from the reports of the several Churches will best disclose the State of Religion in our Classis.

In the *First Church of Poughkeepsie.* "The customary services have been steadily maintained, the sacraments have been regularly administered, and the operations of the Sunday school have been conducted as zealously as in preceding years." Yet the report deplores the meagerness of the results which have followed from these labors.

The *Second Church of Poughkeepsie.* "In the matters of Christian unity, financial prosperity, benevolent activities, attendance on the ordinances and attention to the Word, has had its usual measure

of encouragement during the past year; but the Word preached has not appeared to profit the impenitent according to our desires and prayers."

From the *Church of Fishkill* come the sad words:—"We have passed through a year of trial and discouragement, which has tested our faith and taxed our patience. For eight months we have been deprived of regular pastoral ministrations, by the illness and finally the resignation of our pastor. The Lord's hand has not only been laid upon us in this way, but also in the withholding of His spiritual blessings. Yet the regular ordinances have been maintained, and the Church is looking to God for another pastor and hoping for the prosperity of former days."

In most striking and cheering contrast with the minor tone of the above report, is the voice of glad and grateful thanksgiving, which sounds throughout the report of the *Church of Hopewell.*

"We have enjoyed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, who has indeed crowned our year with His goodness." Then follows an interesting narrative of their blessed work of grace, which began definitely with the 'Week of Prayer.' The first fruits of the revival are thus described: "Our communion service, on the first Sabbath of March, was the feast of ingathering, when thirty-seven souls were received into the earthly garner of the Lord."

As we might expect "The work of the Spirit has not been limited to these results. His blessed influence is still manifest in the greatly quickened spirit of a portion of the membership; in the Sabbath and weekly services; in the increase of a few earnest souls of the lay support; in the unusual openness of hearts to receive the appeals of the gospel; in the large number who seem almost persuaded, and the professed conversion of several since the communion season." The joy of our young brother and his revived Church, is the joy of us all, as in the "smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed."

The *Church of New Hackensack*, although walking by faith rather than by sight, is hopeful. "God's people have long been praying and watching for His Spirit's presence, and though the night has been dark, we think we can see the sign of the coming dawn. Our Church in all its departments shows increased life."

The *Church of Rhinebeck* reports "The state of religion among us is gratifying and the condition of the Church encouraging. The prayer meetings have been well sustained; the Sabbath school has flourished; the regular attendance upon ordinary services of the Sanctuary has been increased. And many circumstances indicate a growing interest in the Church and a strengthening attachment to the services."

The *Church of Fishkill-on-the-Hudson* has enjoyed a year of the right hand of the Most High. "During the year twenty-one have been added to the Church on confession of their faith in Christ. The experiences of some of these were very remarkable. Strong men came with weeping and sobbing. Some were so bowed down and crushed, that they were with difficulty persuaded that there was any place in the Kingdom for them. God has been with us and blessed us, and we are glad and full of gratitude."

The *Church of Hyde Park*, while not experiencing any special religious interest, "reports uninterrupted harmony; an interesting Sabbath school and a sound financial condition."

It has been a time of trial for the *Church of Glenham* and they ask the prayers of the Classis on their behalf. While their Sabbath school is flourishing and the ordinances are regularly maintained, their great need is an under shepherd to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of their pastor.

The report from the *Church of Cold Spring* says, "The Lord of the vineyard has permitted us to see some fruit of our labors, although not so abundant an harvest as in the past. We have succeeded by God's blessing in closing the year without debt, and feel grateful for this token of God's favor."

The response from the *Church of Millbrook* is joyful and confident. "Though the number of hopeful conversions and accessions to our communion have not been large, they have been such as to call for devout gratitude to God, whose Spirit has been manifestly with us. Other additions are confidently expected, and many and strong hopes have been awakened by the renewed interest manifested, of a real and permanent increase of religious life and earnestness to be maintained during the coming year."

So within our division of the army of the Lord are all the phases of army experiences. Some Churches are moving steadily, solidly,

fearlessly forward, as if for a long march. Some are "faint yet pursuing;" some are fired as by the presence of the enemy and impending conflict, and some, victorious, are rejoicing as those who divide the spoil. In His sovereignty God gives the trophies now to these and then to others. Last year First Poughkeepsie and Cold Spring bore them; this year, Hopewell and Fishkill-on-the-Hudson. But the triumph of any is the victory of all. And in the measure that we are "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might," and "put on the whole armour of God," at his set time, we shall all be "more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave himself for us."

We record with sorrow and tender sympathy, that severe and protracted illness compelled Rev. P. E. Kipp to resign the pastorate of the Church of Fishkill. Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D., has been dismissed to the Classis of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

JOACHIM ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to inform the Classis that reports have been received from all the Churches.

They submit the following paragraphs, reproduced mainly from the consistorial reports, as conveying an approximate idea of the religious condition within the Classis.

Church of Bronxville.—We learn from the report that "The general condition of the Church is encouraging; substantial progress has been made; out of the 59 now in the Church, 22 have united since January 1, 1873. There is a readier co-operation in plans of beneficence; a more wide-spread respect and affection for the Church; an increasing unity of feeling and purpose. Nearly all the members added have shown themselves to be active, not merely honorary members. A Ladies' Sewing Society, and an Auxiliary Woman's Board of Foreign Missions have rendered good service."

Church of Cortlandtown.—This Church is now served by Mr. Joseph A. Harper, a member of the senior class in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, as a missionary laborer, and seems to be enjoying tokens of a revived spiritual life. During the year 16 have been received on confession.

Church of Fordham.—This Church remains without a pastor. "The usual services," says the report, "have been sustained however, and the Sabbath school has been well attended. The Consistory hope soon to obtain a pastor."

Church of Greenburgh.—This Church has been visited with a severe affliction in the critical and protracted sickness of its pastor, the Rev. Francis H. Bagley. He was stricken down early in February, and there is but little prospect of his restoration to active duty for several months to come. Both pastor and people will have the hearty sympathy and prayers of the Classis.

Church of Greenville.—The Consistory report: "We have not been left without some tokens of the Divine presence; our Sabbath services have been uniformly well attended. Between pastor and people there has subsisted an entire accord of confidence and good feeling. There is a spirit of cheerful co-operation in all measures calculated to advance the best interest of our Zion."

Church of Hastings.—"The spiritual prosperity of the Church the past year," says the report, "has not been equal to that of previous years. Fewer have been added on confession; indeed the population of the neighborhood has been steadily decreasing for the last five years; still, our Sunday school is larger than ever, and indicates a deeper interest; connected with it is a Sewing school and a Tract society. The church and Sunday school buildings have been refitted and adorned at a cost of nearly $1,000. Our Saw Mill Valley Mission Church has been much affected by the sickness prevailing in the neighborhood. Our Sunday school there numbers about 60."

Church of Melrose.—This Church, while tried in some respects has in others been greatly blessed. With but 57 families, it has received 20 members an confession. The report states: "Through sudden death the whole Church appears to have been stirred up, and the prospects in regard to spiritual life are better than ever before. The Sabbath school has increased, and works well; 14 scholars have been admitted into the Church on confession of faith."

Church of Mount Vernon.—The Consistory report that "The year has been one of steady growth, prosperity and harmony. The figures under the head of contributions show a slight advance over those of last year."

Church of Peekskill.—The Consistory state that the prayer meetings have been well attended, and the pulpit regularly supplied. The Rev. Isaas L. Kipp, having accepted their call, will soon be installed as pastor.

First Church of Tarrytown.—There have been 13 received on confession, The report adds: "The attendance upon the Sabbath services has been good, and the numbers at the meetings for prayer very encouraging; the people have improved the interior of the church edifice at a cost of about $1,600. The temporal affairs of the Church have been well attended to, and we have not been left without tokens of God's pleasure among us. More have been added to the Church by confession of their faith during the past year than during any previous year of the present pastorate.

Second Church of Tarrytown.—This Church has been sorely tried by the ravages of death; it has lost some of its best officers and members, who have gone to their heavenly rest. Still, the year has not been altogether one of shadows. The Church has received 15 on confession of faith. The parsonage has been put in better order than it ever was before, and much beautified; and measures are now in process to renovate and improve the church.

Church of Unionville.—"The spiritual state of the Church," says the consistorial report, "remains very much as it was a year ago. Attendance upon religious services has been very good; the Sabbath school also has been well attended. There is, however, a want of teachers. In some respects the state of things looks discouraging; in others we see grounds of hope."

Church of West Farms.—The Consistory simply say: "Our Sabbath school is prosperous; our prayer meetings are all sustained; the Sabbath services are attended as usual. There are no facts of special interest."

Church of Yonkers.—This Church has been remarkably blessed; the Spirit of God has been poured out upon it. The Consistory report as follows: "Our hearts have been greatly encouraged; there have been gathered into the communion 49 on confession of faith; of this number, 38 were children and youth, all from the Sabbath school; others, not yet received, attend earnestly to the Word, and we have good hope that the Holy Spirit will soon give them to us in answer to our prayers. Our prayer meeting has been

much quickened of late; the ladies of the Church have formed a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Women's Board of Foreign Missions. Every sign with us is hopeful."

During the year the following changes have occurred in the Classis: The Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D., has been released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Cortlandtown, and dismissed to the Classis of Greene; the Rev. William Brush has been released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Fordham; the Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker has been received from the Classis of Schenectady, and installed over the Church of Greenville; the Rev. Dr. John Garretson has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick.

JOHN A. TODD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														R. A. P.	R. A. P.	
Arcot and 8 out stations...	Rev. John Scudder, M.D	56	5	8	12	2	...	61	11	18	31	.....	232	*436 11 8	58 15 6	Arcot, Madras Presd. S. India.
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Chittoor and 5 out stations	Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D. Rev. Andrew Sawyer....	75	18	11	5	2	1	108	8	10	134	..	358	*424	67 8	Chittoor "
Goonoor and 1 out station..	Rev. Zachariah John.....	57	5	5	1	...	4	68	10	1	4	.....	210	45 5 2	95	Coonoor "
Cnanodaiam & 1 out station	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	23	1	2	5	...	...	45	7	2	....	....	121	80 3	6 7	Arcot "
Kandipattur & 1 out station	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	18	6	...	2	...	...	33	1	...	5	.....	79	21 13 4	6 11 7	Vellore "
Kattupadi and 8 outstations	" "	27	...	...	2	...	...	32	3	1	21	....	136	18 15 2	7 1	" "
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Mudnapilly & 5 out stations	Rev. E. J. Heeren, S. S..	60	2	...	7	...	...	24	2	...	.....	.....	156	25 15 4	18 12	Palamanair "
Palamanair...	" "	18	...	4	...	2	...	20	1	...	2	.....	42	12 1 7	6 6	" "
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Sattambadi & 2 out stations	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	17	1	2	...	...	...	41	3	1	1	.....	76	18 1	3 8	Arcot "
Sekadu and 1 out station...	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	27	1	...	...	...	...	30	1	1	15	.....	85	26 1	3 12	Vellore "
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Vellore.....	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	61	1	1	4	...	2	72	9	1	3	.....	251	*418 15 7	40 13 4	Vellore
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Minister without Charge.—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D, in America.

* Includes the Conributions of the Missionary.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	20	12	5	...	8	445	5	12	.....	1	300	$2,584 72	$5,884 57	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	99	...	...	3	...	1	209	3	....	.....	2	200	285 88	1,829 28	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	3	2	9	..	1	183	3	1	....	1	200	700 78	3,896 82	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	Thomas S. Dusinberre	94	1	2	4	.	3	186	5	...	.....	1	60	180 95	1,725 88	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	97	7	2	2	...	2	106	8	3	.....	2	180	400	1,200	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	88	3	1	1	...	1	158	8	1	.....	1	86	54 50	1,000	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Joseph Scudder	80	6	1	2	...	1	127	15	4	. ..	1	118	211 09	848 50	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanic	John B. Church	73	2	...	2	...	3	131	7	...	.....	1	127	102 70	1,168	West Copake "
Greenbush	De Witt B. Wyckoff	75	1	2	.	...	1	119	8	2	.....	1	90	154 18	2,168 29	Mount Ross, "
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgo	C. Van Santvoord, S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Linlithgow, "
	Total	1006	49	22	28	...	21	1609	57	23	.....	11	1311	$4,574 70	$18,711 84	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. John H. Bevier, Hudson, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	†56	3	...	...	...	2	†96	1	2	.....	2	100	$22	$913	Creek Locks, Ulster Co. N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	150	20	8	2	...	2	164	15	5	71	4	235	311 56	1,824 94	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Wm. N. Todd	100	3	...	3	...	1	147	1	...	.....	1	145	58 25	418 52	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	6	1	...	...	...	87	2	2	80	4	171	64 11	1,780	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	65	...	1	...	...	2	113	5	...	50	1	100	198 04	760 58	Hurley, " "
North Marbletown	J. F. Harris	70	1	...	...	...	...	113	...	1	40	1	80	87 20	545 92	" " "
Second Kingston	Jas. Demarest, Jr	140	7	4	5	...	5	†319	6	1	280	1	305	883 91	3,525 57	Kingston, " "
Marbletown	V. M. Hurlbert	170	14	1	3	..	3	274	12	6	36	2	170	129 15	1,552 27	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	250	12	2	4	...	4	388	14	4	192	6	294	1071 14	2,782 90	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	120	2	1	4	...	2	147	13	....	75	5	200	174 09	1,218	Accord, " "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	7	7	...	...	...	99	5	6	.....	1	100	28	1,627 42	Rosendale, " "
Sampsonville §	Vacant	44	...	1	...	...	1	46	7	....	34	1	.....	2	40	Cripplebush, " "
St. Remy	Wm. N. Todd	26	2	2	5	...	...	44	1	....	15	...	40	.....	115 50	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1351	70	28	26	...	31	2086	83	28	823	29	1940	$3,019 45	$17,104 77	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, N. Y. Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co. N. Y.

‡ Last year's report. † Revised List. § Hereafter to be known as Krumville.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	180	14	7	...	...	10	276	9	5	10	1	115	$593 01	$2,802 77	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	120	9	1	‡12	...	4	204	5	4	....	2	275	748 55	2,744 25	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	2	...	...	...	4	109	7	2	....	2	130	200 69	2,279 92	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	85	...	...	...	...	3	167	6	...	....	1	75	68	1,939 39	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	330	11	8	5	...	3	498	12	4	....	8	1000	1,100	18,000	Brooklyn, E. D. "
Astoria	Matt L. Haines	67	20	28	4	...	4	131	3	8	....	1	185	1,054 91	3,010 35	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	90	2	6	11	2	2	199	1	...	75	1	150	400	4,600	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	214	22	12	18	...	2	336	18	7	....	1	599	442 76	8,828 85	Brooklyn, E. D. "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	100	8	5	7	...	3	164	11	1	...	2	310	169 28	3,162 56	15 Hinrod St., Brooklyn, E. D.
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	80	32	2	...	...	1	149	70	1	25	1	120	.....	1,500	Astoria, L. I.
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	30	3	2	...	...	...	27	8	....	63	1	100	221 58	1,067 51	84 Vesey St., New York City.
Second Newtown	John Wenisch	18	5	..	...	...	...	47	3	...	13	1	28	3 38	200 34	Newtown, L. I.
Queens	Vacant	65	...	1	...	...	1	106	7	...	....	1	174	77 40	1,668 06	Queens, "
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn, E. D.	J. M. Wagner	240	35	...	3	...	6	437	160	1	260	2	580	185	1,500	315 Graham Ave. Brooklyn, E.D
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	50	5	9	...	...	...	71	3	...	6	3	86	88 25	617 20	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	Vacant	54	2	2	1	...	...	32	5	...	....	1	100	57 08	751	Locust Valley. "
College Point	E. S. Fairchild†	35	10	2	...	...	2	39	14	....	8	1	200	300	3,600	College Point, "
St. John's Laurel Hill	W. D. Perry†	30	3	16	...	...	...	19	1	....	.....	1	81	70	700	118 William St., New York.
First Reformed L. I. City	Organized April 12th, 1875	.....	...	...	...	...	...	11								
	Total	1888	188	96	61	2	45	2962	343	28	460	26	4203	$5,724 89	$58,966 70	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. Alliger, 125 East 71st. St., New York City. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.) Astoria, L. I.

† Pastor Elect, ‡ To form Church at Laurel Hill.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brooklyn	Vacant	185	7	8	4	...	4	430	1	1	...	2	752	$8,344 21	$8,568 68	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	9	2	7	...	2	274	18	2	150	1	302	*6,654 96	8,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	Vacant	62	...	...	...	...	...	28	2	...	...	1	70	15	...	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	David S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	95	11	4	4	1	7	209	2	...	100	3	322	1,320	2,400	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	125	4	2	...	...	4	187	13	1	...	2	185	358 74	3,847 47	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	...	...	1	...	8	160	6	...	80	2	200	910 20	2,815 92	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Charles W. Wood	90	18	5	1	...	3	134	11	3	...	1	90	218 38	2,310 52	New Lots, "
East New York	Vacant	60	...	1	9	...	3	100	1	...	175	1	375	170	2,104	East New York, "
South Brooklyn	H. V. S. Myers	43	5	8	4	...	2	49	4	...	...	1	160	184 48	2,201 47	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	311	17	24	22	...	5	516	11	6	288	1	459	820 46	10,725 31	Brooklyn, "
Twelfth Street	N. P. Pierce	140	10	12	1	2	2	292	14	1	100	1	600	...	...	Brooklyn, "
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	127	17	14	24	...	12	387	9	2	116	2	492	11,586 07	9,951 27	Brooklyn, "
New Brooklyn	C. F. C. Suckow	90	25	...	†14	...	3	264	59	...	85	1	150	48	1,712 52	New Brooklyn "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	187	45	44	9	...	5	464	13	16	77	1	408	105	22,900	Brooklyn, "
Rockville Centre	Vacant	...	1	...	5	...	...	37	...	...	...	1	60	...	618 15	Rockville Centre, L. I.
Second Flatbush	Vacant	81	21	...	...	...	1	75	9	...	...	...	...	19 98	...	Flatbush, N. Y.
	Total	1766	185	114	105	3	56	3606	173	82	1171	21	4630	$30,695 52	$78,150 31	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Secretary of Board of Publication, 34 Vesey Street, New York. Rev. Julius Jones, 209 Stockton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Manning, D.D., Brooklyn. Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I.

* Includes $1,050 contributed to 12th Street Church, not credited on Church Building Fund.

† To form Second Church Flatbush.

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Collegiate, New York ..	Thomas E. Vermilye	....	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th Street, N. Y.
	Talbot W. Chambers (s.c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th Street, "
	James M. Ludlow	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132 West 48th Street, "
	William Ormiston	600	72	36	20	...	12	1768	58	12	600	7	1458	$81 785 69	.....	17 West 32d Street, "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	147	7	7	12	...	5	264	7	3	300	1	470	1,568 94	.....	327 East 124th Street, "
South New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	190	17	4	4	...	4	495	14	8	.....	3	710	10,162 76	$15,000	42 West 27th Street, "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	8	2	2	..	7	321	9	..	60	2	425	762	4,280 52	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	....	5	...	...	...	1	68	6	..	60	1	60	.....	.....	316 West 52d Street, N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Hervy D. Ganse	...	8	11	...	...	...	...	12	4	120	1	120	687 47	22,304 87	153 East 73d Street, "
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	....	19	6	21	...	3	565	14	8	.....	1	275	1 239	7,464	751 Broadway, "
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	215	79	7	12	...	7	565	42	1	50	1	450	2,126 90	.....	82 Second Street, "
St. Paul's	Vacant.															
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	16	...	...	2	..	...	44	..	...	....	1	55	.....	375 32	Richmond, S. I.
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	95	82	5	*17	...	1	175	10	12	240	1	425	.....	8,250	Mott Haven, N. Y.
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kipp	....	...	...	...	...	...	44	1	...	.....	1	78	181 64	.....	Sea Side, S. I.
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	54	18	...	...	...	...	197	23	1	28	1	200	143 53	1,972 18	248 West 40th Street, N. Y.
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	56	14	1	8	...	2	146	1	3	185	1	308	1,033 39	3,287 35	231 East 86th Street, "
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	....	1	2	3	..	...	92	9	...	12	.....	.....	79 82	333 34	232 Eighth Avenue, "
Brookfield, Conn	Ransford Wells	40	2	...	4	...	...	45	2	1	...	1	65	85	670	Brookfield, Conn.
Ave. B, Ger. Evan Church	M. N. Steffens†	88	127	18	1	...	..	145	10	1	20	1	296	875	2,599	
Union R. C., High Bridge	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S. S.	35	4	25	...	...	1	23	2	...	.	1	56	.....	915	
Mattoax & Amelia Ct. Hse.	.....	22	..	...	...	2	1	88	3	....	88	1	50	40	100	J. Huizenga, Miss., Mattoax, Va
	Total	1058	418	124	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1718	26	5481	$50,870 64	$62,551 58	

Ministers without Charge.—N. J. Marselus, D.D., 292 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, E. D. A. B. Van Nest, D.D., 159 West 23d Street, N. Y. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. W. L. Johnson.

Missionary Pastors.—J. Henry Bertholf, Eighth Avenue and Forty-Fourth Street. Wm. H. De Hart, Eighth Avenue and Forty-Fourth Street. Vernon B. Carroll, 30 West 60th Street, N. Y. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point. L. W. Kipp, China. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Japan.

* To form Union Church, High Bridge, N. Y. † Pastor elect.

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			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	127	2	5	2	...	1	197	20	....	185	1	266	$421 81	$4,500	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	Marcius S. Hutton	71	2	2	3	...	5	195	5	...	80	1	80	1,617	4,330	N. Y. City, 47 East 9th Street.
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker, (s. c)	67	20	2	1	...	4	230	51	8	45	1	220	300	1,600	Brooklyn, 459 North 2d Street.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	William B. Merritt	.....	28	16	6	....	6	275	19	8	75	1	220	362 88	5,25928	N Y. City, 34 Charles Street.
German Ref. Ch. Norfolk St.	Henry A. Friedel	280	20	...	4	....	5	388	98	...	90	1	550	870	2,358	N.Y. City, 129 Norfolk Street.
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson.	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn.
	Total	495	72	25	21	...	21	1285	198	16	475	5	1336	$3,571 14	$18,047 23	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Wiggins, New York City. Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. Aaron Lloyd, New York City. Rev. A. C. Hillman, 214 Division Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D. Rev. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Brooklyn, E. D.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	Laurence L. Comfort	59	4	5	1	...	2	92	4	1	40	1	60	$97 40	$930 71	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Augustus F. Todd	75	18	2	8	6	5	111	2	8	35	....	.....	41 75	1,225	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon	William Elterich	100	18	6	...	...	...	228	87	...	10	1	100	29	550 43	Callicoon, " "
Claryville	Vacant*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Claryville, " "
Cuddebackville	John Du Bois	56	12	2	1	...	3	51	1	6	.....	1	65	95	612 46	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	167	5	17	4	1	9	224	6	3	150	2	870	1,558 09	3,937 80	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley	75	1	4	4	...	5	245	4	1	.....	1	160	240 30	3,905 30	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	75	1	...	3	...	...	85	...	1	.....	1	60	210 59	800	Woodbourn, Sull. Co., "
Fremont	William Elterich	50	14	...	...	...	...	180	12	...	.....	....	.....	7 25	147 60	Fremont, " "
Grahamville	Vacant	40	10	2	7	...	1	64	...	...	.....	1	100	.....	150	Grahamville, " "
Jeffersonville	William Elterich	52	15	...	...	...	1	124	28	....	11	1	30	8	952 17	Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	Vacant*	.....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	Vacant*	.....	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Wurtsboro, Sull. Co., "
Minnisink	William E. Turner	51	...	1	2	...	1	54	...	...	.....	1	75	.....	600	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	Cornelius Brett	191	31	6	2	...	5	346	20	8	150	1	200	1,584	3,184 45	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	230	25	11	10	...	6	455	8	7	50	2	350	1,794 94	6,150 20	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	112	6	1	4	1	2	158	11	....	...	...	206	178	1,855 39	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	89	2	2	2	...	1	133	3	....	.....	1	.....	45 92	.....	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch	William Elterich	44	8	...	...	...	...	81	27	....	11	.....	30	.....	94 21	North Branch, Sull. Co., "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	100	4	5	5	...	9	251	6	3	60	4	100	81 30	1,177 20	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker	80	6	4	7	...	2	190	8	....	75	1	100	381 75	1,500	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	60	14	1	8	...	1	81	6	1	15	1	45	116 06	1,680 29	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Lower	John F. Shaw	90	6	0	3	...	4	176	7	....	50	2	130	96 50	1,350	Bushkill, Munroe Co., Pa.
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	68	4	3	1	...	...	61	2	1	46	3	135	30	800	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., "
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	105	3	2	1	...	...	145	1	....	30	2	156	156	1,000	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.
	Total	1289	199	74	73	8	57	3470	193	46	743	27	2466	$6,592 85	$30,955 01	

Ministers without Charge.—Samuel W. Mills, D.D., Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, Broome Co., N. Y. Nathan W. Jones, Kerhoakson, Ulster Co., N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa.

* No Report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

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First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	7	11	3	...	8	445	9	3	108	1	288	$ 1,789 07	$10,287 71	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	185	7	6	7	...	3	282	4	1	75	2	210	2,720 89	5,237 89	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	Vacant	94	3	1	3	2	5	161		3	70	1	60	300	2,000	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	120	42	...	...	...	5	263	7	19	50	3	175	231 38	2,817 17	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	2	...	2	...	5	145	2	...	40	5	200	337 30	1,250	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	3	5	2	...	2	286	4	2	....	1	140	866 65	2,700	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	21	4	3	...	6	217	....	12	.....	4	175	649 84	3,249 69	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	75	1	1	8	...	3	158	2	1	....	1	60	88 90	1,200	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	Vacant	45	2	1	3	...	1	65	18	1	..	1	120	294 08	1,070	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	J. C. Van Deventer	86	3	2	1	...	1	47	1	....	60	1	60	40	1,400	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	90	9	3	7	...	3	120	5	6	.....	3	150	1,065 50	2,000	Millbrook, "
	Total	1155	100	37	39	2	42	2184	37	48	398	28	1588	$8,471 06	$32,712 66	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Matteawan.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	42	9	1			3	59	2	7		1	71	$464 76	$2,022 27	Bronxville N. Y.
Courtlandtown	Joseph A. Harper P. E.	55	16	7			2	59	18	10	60	1	85	25	1,000	Montrose "
Fordham	Vacant	55			1			61	2		50	1	80	78	1,950	Fordham "
Greenburg	Francis Bagley	44	1	2	1	1	1	40	1	1	20	1	26		1,400	Tarrytown "
Greenville	R. L. Schoonmaker P.E.	38	4	1	1			62	1			1	55		900	Scarsdale "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	35	3	6	6		2	165	10			2	195	1,040 31	3,582 22	Hastings-on-Hudson "
Melrose	George Windemuth	57	20				2	140	35		14	1	180		977 32	Morrisania "
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s. c.)	119	8	16	6		5	188	12	3	150	1	209	886 34	4,745 94	Mount Vernon "
Peekskill	Francis L. Kip	66						114			84	1	101	216 74	2,055 94	Peekskill "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	109	13	1	7		2	280	4	2	150	1	175	716 82	5,824 04	North Tarrytown "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	15	9	10		7	302	6	6	60	1	115	862 84	6,765 36	Tarrytown "
Unionville	Lawrence H. Van Dyck	34	1				2	55	2	1		1	80	114 08	675	Neperan "
West Farms	John Simonson	54	4	1	2		2	64	2	2	43	1	118	1,256 24	1,738 76	West Farms "
Yonkers	David Cole	118	49	12	12		3	280	14	14	121	1	371	1,188 45	5,554 66	Yonkers "
	Total	974	143	56	46	1	31	1819	109	46	752	15	1805	$6,849 58	$38,591 41	

Ministers without Charge.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau Street, N. Y. City. Wm. J. Hill, Hibernia, N. Y.

Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1875.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Now in Communion.	BAP.		No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		No. of S. Schools.	Total No. Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Classis of Arcot	16	7	..	601	44	41	738	84	34	228	...	2468	R.1,568 14 4	R.339 1 5	John Scudder,
Classis of Hudson	10	18	..	1006	49	22	1609	57	23	.....	11	1311	$4,574 70	$18,711 84	John McC. Holmes.
Classis of Kingston	18	11	..	1351	77	28	2086	83	25	828	27	1940	3,019 45	17,104 77	Philip Peltz,
North Classis of Long Island	19	21	..	1888	188	96	2962	243	28	460	26	4208	5,724 89	58,966 70	W. H. Ten Eyck,
South Classis of Long Island	16	20	1	1766	185	114	3606	173	32	1171	21	4680	30,695 52	78,150 31	David S. Sutphen,
Classis of New York	19	29	..	1053	413	101	4980	221	49	1718	26	5481	50,870 64	62,551 53	Talbot W. Chambers,
South Classis of New York	6	11	1	495	72	25	1285	193	16	475	5	1886	8,571 14	18,047 23	S. H. Meeker,
Classis of Orange	25	23	..	1289	199	74	3470	193	46	749	27	2466	6,593 85	30,955 01	Edward W. Bentley,
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	14	..	1155	100	37	2184	37	43	398	23	1583	8,471 06	32,712 66	A. P. Van Gieson,
Classis of Westchester	14	16	2	974	143	56	1819	109	46	752	15	1805	6,349 58	38,591 41	Marcius H. Hutton.
Total	149	165	4	11528	1465	594	24689	1493	347	6758	181	27218	$119,869 83	$850,790 96	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported upon each of the Books of Minutes of the different Classes as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted:

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—The Committee on Minutes of Classis of Hudson report, that they have examined the Minutes, and find them correctly kept.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston would report, that they are found to be in good order, and containing nothing demanding the attention of Particular Synod.

JAMES WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee on the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island would report, that the Minutes are well kept, and the action of the Classis constitutional and regular. The only item needing the notice of Synod is, that the name of the Church of Lee Avenue has been stricken from the roll.

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island find the same to be in good order, with nothing to claim attention of Particular Synod.

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee to which was assigned the duty of examining the Minutes of the Classis of New York beg leave to report, that the Records are in perfect order.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee appointed to examine the records of the South Classis of New York find the same correct.

C. F. C. SUCKOW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—The Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of the Classis of Orange beg leave to report, that said Minutes have been regularly kept, and that there is nothing in the record claiming the attention of this Synod.

A. C. HILLMAN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie report, that no book from this Classis has been presented, and that this Classis is, therefore, deserving of Synodical censure.

V. B. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—The Committee to whom was assigned the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester respectfully report, that they have examined the records, and find them regularly kept and in good order.

WM. FERRIS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave respectfully to report, that there has been referred to them an Overture from the Classis of Hudson, setting forth "the fact, that the Board of Superintendents (of the Theological Seminary) as at present constituted do not, in any sense, represent the Classes; that they are appointed by, and are servants of, the Particular Synods; and that to pay the expenses of the members of that Board is an unequal tax upon those Classes, out of whose bounds members are taken;" and praying that Synod "make provision and be liable for such expenses."

The *fact*, with reference to the present Constitution of the Board of Superintendents, is undoubtedly as stated, and the request seems to your Committee a reasonable one. The following resolution is therefore recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That the expenses of members of the Board of Superintendents, representing this Particular Synod, be a charge upon

the Treasury of the Synod; and that the Questor be authorized and directed to pay them upon presentation of bills for the same.

Also the following section from the Minutes of the South Classis of New York, for April 20th, 1875:

"*Resolved*, That the delegates to Particular Synod be instructed to advocate the union of the South Classis of New York with the Classis of New York."

The following is recommended for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the South Classis of New York be dissolved; such dissolution to take effect after the approaching Fall Session.

2. *Resolved*, That the Churches and their Pastors—of Brighton Heights, Washington Square, Bushwick, Union Sixth Avenue, and the German Reformed Church, together with the Ministers without charge—be assigned to the Classis of New York; and the North Church of Brooklyn to the South Classis of Long Island.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of the South Classis of New York transmit the records of said Classis to the care of the Classis of New York.

4. *Resolved*, That the South Classis of New York hold a meeting on 1st Tuesday of October, to take such action as they may deem fit for the purpose of carrying out these resolutions.

HENRY N. COBB,
VERNON B. CARROLL,
CORNELIUS BRETT.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations having submitted a double number of names to fill the vacancies occurring in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, the following were, by ballot, elected for the next four years:

Rev. Charles I. Shepard, from the North Classis of Long Island; Elder John C. Newkirk, from the Classis of Hudson; and Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin, from the Classis of New York, to fill the unexpired term of Elder Jonathan Sturges, deceased.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., was nominated as Delegate to General Synod, from the Classis of Arcot.

Your Committee would nominate, as Preacher on the second day of the Session of the next Particular Synod, Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.; and that his theme be Justification by Faith; and that Rev. Isaac Riley be his alternate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the Tuesday afternoon session, after the organization, was spent in devotional exercises, under the leading of the retiring President.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Book of Minutes of the old Classis of Hackensack, which he had been directed to hand over to Particular Synod of New Brunswick, was not in the archives; and that, after diligent inquiry, he had been unable to learn its whereabouts. The Synod thanked him for his efforts in the matter, and directed the continuance of the search, in hope of final success.

The usual number of copies of Minutes of Synod were ordered printed.

The Stated Clerk presented the printed Minutes of Synod covering the time from 1811 to 1873, which have been put into binding by direction of Synod.

Resolved, That a certificate of examination and approval, with the exceptions, if there be any, be recorded in each book of Classical Minutes, and signed by the President.

Resolved, That Article XX., "Deputati Synodi," and Article XVI., "Strict Examinations," be dropped, and the remaining Lemmata numbered accordingly.

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York tender their thanks to the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Brooklyn, for the Christian hospitality which they have so kindly shown to this body—both in its collective and its individual capacity; that they sympathize with them in that sad Providential dispensation by which they have been deprived of a faithful and beloved Pastor, and commend them to the special care and blessing of the Great Head of the Church.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

To the Particular Synod of New York.

The Questor, in presenting his Annual Report, is happy to state, that dues from Classis composing Synod have all been paid; and that the balance of monies in his hands is, in his judgment, sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of Synod for the ensuing year.

He would, therefore, respectfully suggest, that he be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May, 1876.

Respectfully submitted.

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

NEW YORK, *May 3d*, 1875.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with
THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1874	Dr.	
May 20	To Cash paid Board of Publication, R. C. A., for binding Minutes of Particular Synod	$5
June 29	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1874	
1875	(450 copies)	122 43
Jan. 9	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for Salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1875	50
"	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage	7 50
"	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for doorkeeper's bill of May 5th, 1874	3
May 3	Cash Balance due Synod to new account	333 52
		$521 45

1874	Cr.	
May 6	By Cash Balance from old account	$215 45
Oct. 7	Cash from Rev. Augsutus Blauvelt, Questor, Classis of Kingston	33
Nov. 5	Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Geison, Questor, Classis of Poughkeepsie	28
" 11	Cash from Mr. R. B. Shepard, Questor, Classis of Hudson	23
" 16	Cash from Rev. S. H. Meeker, Questor, South Classis of New York	14
Dec. 2	Cash from Rev. Wm. H. De Hart, Questor, Classis of New York	43
" 18	Cash from Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, Questor, Classis of Westchester	32
1875		
April 23	Cash from Rev. C. Brett, Questor, Classis of Orange	55
" 28	Cash from Rev. Wm. Ferris, Questor, North Classis of Long Island	41
" 30	Cash from Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, Questor, South Classis of Long Island	37
		$521 45

The Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Questorate report, that they have examined the Questor's account, with the vouchers, and find them correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of three hundred and thirty-three $\frac{53}{100}$ dollars; and the Committee recommend that no assessment be made this year.

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL,
MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
MATT. L. HAINES,
GEO. S. LITTLE,
A. J. BEEKMAN.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

From Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. B. Church,	Elder J. M. Strever,
" J. S. Himrod,	" Andrew Hallenbeck,
" H. R. Schermerhorn,	" John C. Benham.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. J. Sebring,	Elder George M. Harder,
" John McC. Holmes, D.D.,	" J. C. Newkirk,
" T. S. Dusenberre,	" Edward Stickles.

From Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. S. P. M. Hastings,	Elder John Alliger,
" V. M. Hulbert, D.D.,	" D. S. Vandemark,
" C. E. Lasher,	" Josiah LeFever.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. H. Vroom,	Elder J. L. Snyder,
" James Demarest, Jr.,	" T. R. Westbrook,
" W. N. Todd,	" W. T. Demarest.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. G. Van Slyke,	Elder Jas. C. Hendrickson,
" E. S. Fairchild,	" Thos. S. Shepard,
" W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	" Elisha West.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. I. Shepard,	Elder Abraham Nafis,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" Elias J. Hendrickson,
" George D. Hulst,	" Jacob Suydam.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. C. F. C. Suckow,	Elder John A. Lott,
" Anson DuBois, D.D.,	" John L. Ryder,
" J. Halsted Carroll, D.D.,	" Garret G. Bergen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell,	Elder J. Remsen Bennet,
" David Inglis, LL.D.,	" F. J. Hosford,
" John A. Lansing, D.D.,	" S. L. Vanderveer.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, D.D.,	Elder D. P. Ingraham,
" William Ormiston, D.D.,	" Henry Camerden,
" Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.,	" James Wood,
" Julius W. Geyer,	" N. S. King.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.,	Elder Jas. Anderson,
" H. DuBois,	" Wm. Bogardus,
" H. D. Ganse,	" Wm. Wood,
" W. H. De Hart,	" F. Hughson.

From South Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. B. Merritt,	Elder A. J. Felter,
" H. A. Friedel,	" Frank Nollman,
" S. H. Meeker,	" J. W. Baker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D.,	Elder Wm. A. Collins,
" E. Wiggins, D.D.,	" Andrew Wright,
" A. C. Hillman,	" Chas. I. Debevoise.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward W. Bentley,	Elder John Lyon,
" Lawrence L. Comfort,	" William Crowell,
" William Elterich,	" John G. Gray,
" W. S. Brown,	" D. W. Rapalje,
" Cyril Spaulding,	" Peter Eager.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John DuBois,	Elder J. M. Williams,
" S. W. Mills, D.D.,	" J. V. Tears,
" M. V. Schoonmaker,	" W. Holmes,
" G. S. Garretson,	" Samuel Clark,
" B. C. Lippincott,	" Stephen Harris.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.,	Elder J. C. Bates,
" J. C. Vandeventer,	" Jacob B. Jewett,
" H. Heermance,	" Sidney Scofield.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Ward,	Elder Wm. Seward,
" Acmon P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	" J. H. Mathews,
" G. Taylor,	" G. DuBois.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.,	Elder Ward Carpenter,
" Lawrence H. Van Dyck,	" Jas. S. Van Court.
" George Windemuth,	" Jas. Stewart.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. R. G. Peck,	Elder E. M. Newman,
" John K. Allen,	" Jacob Dusenberry,
" R. L. Schoonmaker,	" E. B. Turner.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

None were appointed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next Stated Session of the Particular Synod of New York be held in the Reformed Church of Port Jervis, on the first Tuesday of May, A. D. 1876, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

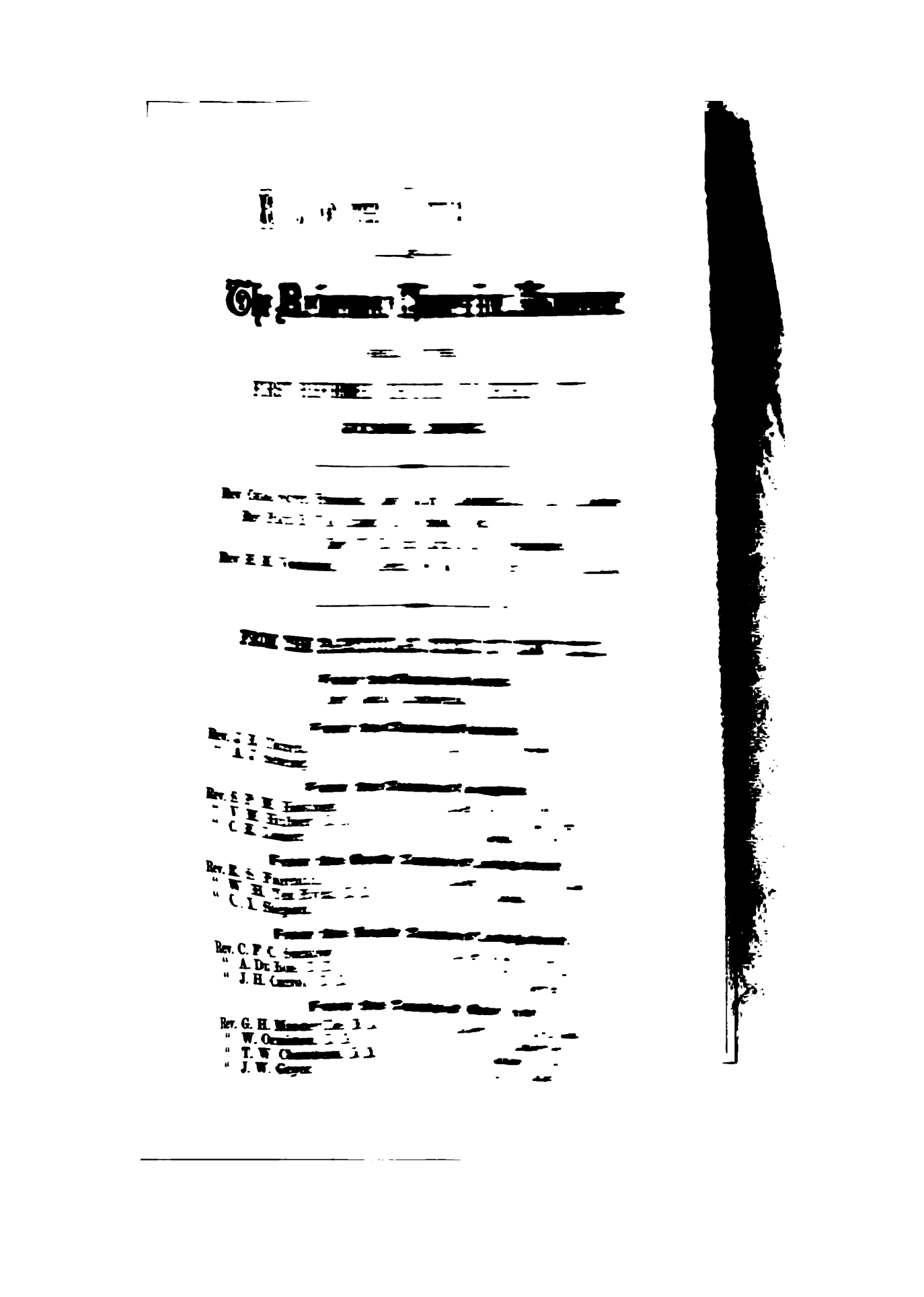
The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned, with prayer by the President.

JOHN McC. HOLMES, *President.*
WM. B. MERRITT, *Adsessor.*

ALFRED E. MYERS, } *Temp'y Clerks.*
GRAHAM TAYLOR, }

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ANSON DuBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*



Roll of the General Synod

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Rev. Chas. Scott, President. Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., Adsessor.
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk.
Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Permanent Clerk.
Rev. H. M. Voorhees,....{ Clerks, *pro tem.* }.... Rev. C. D. Kellogg.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

From the Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.

Rev. J. B. Church,	Elder J. M. Strever.
" A. J. Sebring,	

From the Classis of Kingston.

Rev. S. P. M. Hastings,	Elder John Alliger,
" V. M. Hulbert, D.D.,	" D. S. Vandemark,
" C. E. Lasher,	" Josiah Le Fevre.

From the North Classis of Long Island.

Rev. E. S. Fairchild,	Elder J. C. Hendrickson,
" W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	" Thomas S. Shepard,
" C. I. Shepard,	

From the South Classis of Long Island.

Rev. C. F. C. Suckow,	Elder John A. Lott,
" A. Du Bois, D.D.,	" John L. Ryder,
" J. H. Carroll, D.D.,	" G. G. Bergen.

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Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D.,	Elder D. P. Ingraham,
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" J. W. Geyer,	" N. S. King.

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Rev. Wm. B. Merritt,	Elder A. J. Felter,
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Rev. E. W. Bentley,	Elder John Lyon,
" L. L. Comfort,	" William Crowell,
" W. S. Brown,	" D. W. Rapalje,
" C. Spaulding,	" Peter Eager.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. J. C. Van Deventer,	Elder J. B. Jewett,
" H. Heermance,	" S. Scofield.
" J. Elmendorf,	

From the Classis of Westchester.

Rev. J. A. Todd, D.D.,	Elder Ward Carpenter,
" L. H. Van Dyck,	" J. S. Van Court,
	" James Stewart.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

From the Classis of Albany.

Rev. D. K. Bartlett,	Elder Theodore F. Cornell,
" Wm. H. Ballagh,	" George F. Imbrie.
" N. Pearse,	

From the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. J. H. Enders,	Elder D. S. Van Der Veer.
" John Bochrer,	

From the Classis of Geneva.

Rev. Wm. E. Buckelew,	Elder G. S. Conover,
" J. L. Southard,	" Oscar G. Wheeler.
" H. P. McAdam,	

From the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Isaac S. Demund,
" M. G. Hansen,
" W. Johns.

From the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. F. M. Bogardus,	Elder A. Van Horne,
" R. R. Williams,	" A. Smith,
" J. M. Compton,	" J. M. Stowits.
" E. G. Ackerman,	

From the Classis of Rensselaer.

Rev. Edward A. Collier,	Elder William H. Rainey,
" Elbert Nevius,	" George T. Harder.

From the Classis of Saratoga.

Rev. Selah W. Strong,	Elder Maurice Cashman.
" Abm. H. Meyers,	
" D. K. Van Doren,	

From the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Elder Cornelius Lansing.
" R. G. Welch, D.D.,
" J. K. Rhinehart,

From the Classis of Schoharie.

Rev. R. Doig.

From the Classis of Ulster.

Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Elder D. L. Houghtaling,
" Andrew M. Arcularius, " John V. Winfield.
" J. N. Voorhis,

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF CHICAGO.

From the Classis of Michigan.

Rev. Chas. Scott, Elder V. J. Huey.
" J. A. De Spelder,
" N. D. Williamson,

From the Classis of Illinois.

Rev. E. P. Livingston, Elder P. R. Westfall,
" U. D. Gulick, " F. J. Cushing,
" G. Siebert, " Isaac Porter.
" H. E. Decker,

From the Classis of Holland.

Rev. P. De Pree.
" H. Uiterwyk.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.

Rev. H. Borgers,
" J. W. Dunnewold.

From the Classis of Grand River.

Rev. A. Kriekard, Elder F. Van Dricle,
" E. C. Oggel, " J. Sprenk.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

From the Classis of Bergen.

Rev. Leopold Mohn, Elder J. H. Smyth,
" A. B. Taylor, " H. Schierloh,
" P. V. Van Buskirk, " F. J. Demarest.

From the South Classis of Bergen.

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Elder John S. Hoagland,
" H. W. F. Jones, " N. R. Derby,
" A. J. Park, " James Lindsay.

From the Classis of Monmouth.

Rev. Theo. W. Wells, Elder William Spader,
" James Bolton, " A. C. Robinson.
" James B. Wilson,

From the Classis of Newark.

Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.,	Elder Benjamin C. Miller,
" C. E. Hart,	" A. W. Baker.
" F. V. Van Vranken,	" William Robb.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.

Rev. W. H. Steele, D.D.,	Elder John De Mott,
" R G. Williams,	" P. L. Hoagland,
" Jacob C. Sears, D.D.,	" W. R. Janeway.

From the Classis of Paramus.

Rev. Charles D. Kellogg,	Elder Garret I. Blauvelt,
" William H. Clark,	" John W. Ferdon,
	" D. J. Blauvelt.

From the Classis of Passaic.

Rev. E. N. Sebring,	Elder Henry V. Doremus,
" A. A. Zabriskie,	" Uriah J. Van Riper.
" I. H. Collier,	

From the Classis of Philadelphia.

Rev. H. M. Voorhees,	Elder D. S. Jones,
" C. P. Masden,	" W. H. Parmenter,
" Herman C. Berg,	" J. H. Voorhees.

From the Classis of Raritan.

Rev. J. F. Mesick, D.D.,	Elder James Hageman,
" H. F. Schnellendreussler,	" J. F. Edwards,
" Jas. B. Campbell,	" Andrew Cole.

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OVERTURES—Revs. W. J. R. Taylor, D. K. Bartlett, U. D. Gulick; Elders T. F. Cornell and Ward Carpenter.

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PUBLICATION—Revs. John F. Mesick, Charles Shepard and J. B. Church; Elders G. S. Conover and John Ferdon.

NOMINATIONS—Revs. D. K. Van Doren, E. C. Oggel and H. W. F. Jones; Elders U. J. Van Riper and Cornelius Lansing.

CORRESPONDENCE—Revs. G. H. Mandeville, A. G. Vermilye and A. H. Meyers; and Elders James Hageman and James Wood.

ACCOUNTS—Revs. R. Doig, J. W. Geyer and H. Borgers; and Elders S. Scofield and James Stewart.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—Revs. E. S. Fairchild, H. Heermance and John Boehrer; and Elders Maurice Cashman and W. H. Rainey.

BOARD OF DIRECTION—Elders John A. Lott, D. P. Ingraham, Jacob B. Jewett, W. R. Janeway and John Lyon.

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THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE REFORMED CHURCH OF PORT JERVIS, N. Y., ON TUESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF MAY, A. D., 1876, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., AND ADJOURNED AT TEN O'CLOCK ON THE EVENING OF THE SECOND DAY.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. John McC. Holmes D.D., the President of the last Synod, who also preached the Concio ad Clerum on the evening of the same day from Matthew 21 : 8, 9. Subject, "The nature and action of True Enthusiasm for Christ."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. A. J. Sebring, John McC. Holmes, D.D., T. S. Dusenberre, John B. Church. *Elder*—Stephen H. Shutts.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. Victor M. Hulbert, D.D., Calvin E Lasher, Wm. H. Vroom, James Demarest, Jr. *Elders*—Severyne Hasbrouck, Abram D. Deyo, Wm. H. Krom, Elijah DuBois.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., John Wenisch, William E. Davis.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Anson DuBois, D.D., J. Halsted Carroll, D.D., A. P. Stockwell, David Inglis, D.D., LL.D. *Elders*—Jeremiah Bergen, J. Remsen Bennett, Jacobus Voorhees.

Classis of New York.—Revs. J. W. Geyer, Wm. B. Merritt, J. H. Oerter. *Elders*—Henry Camerden, Jr., J. W. Miller.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. John F. Shaw, Goodloe B. Bell, Augustus F. Todd, Samuel J. Rogers. *Elder*—D. S. Mapes.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Henry Ward, A. N. Wyckoff, Charles W. Fritts. *Elders*—J. B. Jones, Walter Brett.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. Joseph A. Harper, David Cole, D.D., Thomas R. G. Peck. *Elders*—Gabriel P. Reeves, M.D., James H. Lent.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D., was elected *President;* Rev. J. Halsted Carroll, D.D., was elected *Adsessor;* and Rev. Wm. B. Merritt and Rev. A. P. Stockwell, were elected *Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

No delegates appeared.

ARTICLE V.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Rev. A. F. Todd, J. B. Church. *Elders*—Walter Brett, S. H. Shutts.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.

For Classis of Hudson.—Rev. W. H. Vroom. *Elder*—Jer. Bergen.

For Classis of Kingston.—Rev. W. E. Davis. *Elder*—Jacobus Voorhees.

For North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. H. Ward. *Elder*—J. R. Bennett.

For South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. S. J. Rogers. *Elder*—D. S. Mapes.

For Classis of New York.—Rev. A. N. Wyckoff. *Elder*—J B. Jones.

For Classis of Orange.—Rev. J. A. Harper. *Elder*—J. H. Lent.

For Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. C. E. Lasher. *Elder*—Abram D. Deyo.

For Classis of Westchester.—Rev. J. M. Geyer. *Elder*—W. H. Krohm.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. David Cole, V. M. Hulbert, J. H. Carroll. *Elders*—G. P. Reeves, Jer. Bergen.

On the Questorate.—Revs. A. J. Sebring, S. J. Rogers, G. B. Bell. *Elders*—H. Camerden, Jr., J. R. Bennett.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. W. H. Ten Eyck. W. B. Merritt, James Demarest, Jr. *Elders*—H. Camerden, Jr., Walter Brett.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. McC. Holmes, C. W. Fritts, T. S. Dusenberre. *Elders*—Jacobus Voorhees, Severyn Hasbrouck.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

An Overture was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures, and is as follows:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The Classis of Poughkeepsie, desiring for the Churches within its bounds a larger liberty in the use of Psalms and hymns in public worship than is at present allowed by the Constitution, beg leave respectfully but earnestly to call the careful attention of this Synod to the subject, and request such action as will bring it before the General Synod for consideration. Aside from the self-evident fact that the letter of the rule is violated, very generally without question, in the churches in the use of Sabbath school hymns, collections for prayer meetings and lecture rooms, special hymns, voluntaries, anthems, &c., which have never been presented for nor received the approval and recommendation of the General Synod, it seems clear to us that other and valid considerations suggest and warrant the relaxing of the rule. The growing interest in this department of public worship, seeks and is likely to seek, expression in forms not contemplated by the framers of the Constitution, yet perfectly consistent with the doctrinal standards, and the venerable customs and usages of our Church.

It appears in every way more proper and desirable that this be done in conformity to, and not as now in violation of, the rules of government under which we live. It also seems within the wisdom of this Synod, or that of the General Synod, to devise some method, by which the purity of doctrine and simplicity of worship may be carefully guarded, and the desired liberty secured.

We therefore pray you to take such action as to you may seem best calculated to promote the end sought.

An Overture was received from the "Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick," Long Island, asking to be set over to the North Classis of Long Island. Referred to Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

To the Rev. the Particular Synod of New York:

The undersigned very respectfully represents that the "Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick," recently connected with the "South Classis of New York," was on the dissolution of that Classis transferred to "Classis of New York."

Being geographically within the bounds of the "North Classis of Long Island," it is deemed desirable that we should be connected with it. We very respectfully request the Part. Synod to transfer us to that Classis.

In making this request we have the approval of the Classis of New York.

By order of the Consistory,

WM. H. FURMAN, *President.*

ISAAC C. DE BEVOISE, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes for the last year of the General Synod, and of the several Particular Synods. On pages 338 and 339 of the former, there is a record of action taken by the General Synod, on the subjects of Sabbath desecration and intemperance; in view of which and of the fact that these evils are widely prevalent, it seems proper to call the attention of this Synod to these subjects for suitable action upon them. The following is proposed:

Resolved, That in view of the tendency which exists to laxity of views and practice in regard to the sacredness of the Sabbath, this Synod earnestly exhorts all the Churches under its care to promote by all means in their power the proper observance of the Lord's Day: and recommends to all the members of our Churches hearty co-operation with the Sabbath Associations, or whatever proper agencies are employed to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That in view of the desolations of intemperance, this Synod calls upon all the Churches to put forth all their strength in arresting the progress of this vice, bearing constant testimony in favor of total abstinence as a Christian duty, and organizing such agencies as give the best promise in any community, of uprooting this deadly evil.

The Committee also call attention to the action of the General Synod found on page 335 of the Minutes, as follows: "We recommend," &c. In view of which the following action is proposed:

Resolved, That the pastors and Consistories within our bounds be urged to carry out these recommendations of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. DEMAREST, JR., *Chairman Committee.*

ARTICLE V

PARTICULAR SYNODS OF ALBANY, CHICAGO AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Copies of the Minutes of the year 1875 of each of these Synods were received. They were referred to the Committee on Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports, submits the following report:

We have examined the statistics and statements forwarded by the various Classes belonging to this Particular Synod. The statistics reveal a state of things partly gratifying, and partly trying to the faith. The Churches generally, seem to maintain their usual prosperity in temporal matters, though some of the weaker are compelled to struggle with great embarrassments. Most of these deserve great praise for the heroism with which they hold their own, and even make more or less progress. A few see little or no hope, and may yet after all their effort and sacrifice, become extinct. Several Churches have been greatly blessed spiritually. The whole Synod, during the year, has received an accession to its membership of 1,957 on profession of faith. This exceeds by 492 the number of last year. We can rejoice at this progressive growth, and yet we are not, and ought not to be, satisfied with it. Our joy arises more from foretokenings than from present realization. Signs of the times encourage us to believe, that so far, we have only come under the outer rim of a great shower of blessing, which will fall upon us before long in large abundance, filling the hearts of pastors and people with unspeakable gladness. It is a time for patient, earnest waiting upon God, with a vigorous faith in His covenant and its gracious promises. It is painful to find that our contributions to benevolent objects have diminished to the extent of at least $10,000. Meanwhile the touching query is forwarded to us in the report from the Classis of Arcot,—"Does our Church wish to have its work die out for want of means?"—This question pains our hearts; and yet we see that even here, the heart of the Church is perhaps not so much at fault, as its financial circumstances are embarrassing. While we look, however, at God's providence in the great financial crisis of our time, let us believe that even this may be his instrument for destroying men's false confidences and driving them to the hope set before us in his precious Word. The history of great revivals, we believe, shows in all cases that great business depressions, or great trials, in some form have preceded them. It is a time now for studying history and providences. It is especially a time for deepest delving into the Word of God, and for most earnest and unintermitted supplication. We believe the

Divine Spirit is already in many places, present with greatly increased power, and that He is coming with a visitation that will arouse pastors and people to a new life, and touch every Church and every locality with a new born joy. The accompanying papers from the various Churches and Stated Clerks will furnish the details that have suggested our report. We lay these before the Synod as essential to the completeness of the report itself.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID COLE,
V. M. HULBERT.
J. HALSTED CARROLL,
G. P. REEVES,
JEREMIAH BERGEN,
Committee.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Enclosed please find the Annual Report of the Classis of Arcot for 1876, which please present both to the Particular and General Synods.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. Scudder and Jacob Chamberlain have been appointed delegates to the Particular Synod, and nominated as delegates to the General Synod.

Does our Church wish to have its work here die out? I sometimes think she does. Our older men are compelled to leave the field, but none are sent to take their places. Our work is extended but our appropriations are contracted. If men and means are short, I am afraid there is a deficiency also in prayer. This being the case, can the Church look for great success? The Lord has not left us without tokens of his blessing, but we desire to see greater things, and hope that the Reformed Church will not forget that the Lord is calling upon her to give the Gospel to over two million souls in our district.

Yours very sincerely,

JNO. SCUDDER.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee appointed to review the State of Religion in the Churches of the Classis beg leave respectfully to report.

The blessings of God can neither be measured or weighed by us. Results from them may afford us a fair idea of their largeness, but no man can determine these. We actually know only a little concerning God's work in our Churches. Much which we now prize may soon disappear as does the foam occasioned by the moving of the troubled waters. Probably very much that is real, permanent and effective, we observe not.

We should be thankful that He, who is both omniscient and true, notes and records all of the changes in our Churches.

Notwithstanding human inability to estimate spiritual things, yet after an examination of the consistorial reports that have come into their hands, the "Committee on the State of Religion" feel warranted in asserting that to the Classis of Hudson, the Great Head of the Church has, during the past year, dealt out largely from the rich stores of His grace.

Hudson rejoices in both temporal and spiritual prosperity. Its report says, "The past year has been one of signal success, and while the gladness is ours, the glory we give to Christ."

First Claverack gives us both sunshine and shadow—more of the former, than of the latter. We shall give you a gleam of the brightness. "The hearts of the pastor and people, of the First Church of Claverack, have been drawn out, in praise to cleansing blood and saving grace." Again has the communion service assumed the character of spiritual sociality. Invitations given have been accepted, and seats long empty have been filled with the young and middle-aged, parents and children, friends and neighbors coming together to show forth the Lord's death, which they had found efficacious to release them from bondage, and give them title to, and possession of liberty. "All praise to a living Lord, and a gracious Saviour."

Second Claverack, reports "healthful growth."

Linlithgow has been favored with a few accessions and expresses a strong confidence in regard to the future.

Greenport has been much favored. Its report says: "The Church of Greenport has just closed the most prosperous year of her history. The Holy Spirit's presence has been manifest with us almost the entire year, and durirg the last six months with marked power."

Germantown unites in the acknowledgement of special favors, saying: "The grace of God that saves sinners has been vouchsafed to us, and we have been privileged to welcome to the Lord's Table a goodly number of recent converts. God has answered our prayers and we have reason to be richly grateful."

Upper Red Hook reports "steady but healthful growth." A beautiful new parsonage has been added to the church property. There are evidences of life and advance in every particular.

Gallatin says: "The clouds of Divine blessing have afforded us a gentle and reviving shower. Our Church was never so strong as to-day."

Tughkanic is now enjoying a refreshing from on high. During the early part of the year, there were prayer and efforts, an attentive ear, and success in temporals; yet no spiritual fruit. At the communion season, the second Sabbath in April, "Special efforts were made with the following result:" "God has blessed these efforts with a mighty out-pouring of His Spirit. Christians that have been dumb for years, now speak of Jesus and His love." Extra services have been held but one week, yet many, very many are asking "What must I do to be saved?" And seven have already found Jesus true to His promise: "Ask and you shall receive."

Livingston Church of Linlithgow, as usual sends no report.-While the Holy Ghost has worked, death has not been idle; many of the Churches mourn the loss of efficient workers. During the year the following changes have occurred. The Rev. Joseph Scudder has been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie and installed pastor of the Church of Upper Red Hook. The Rev. D. S. Perry, has been received from the North Classis of Long Island; and the Rev. Abraham H. Meyers, has been received from the Classis of Saratoga, and installed pastor of the Livingston Church of Linlithgow. The Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn has been dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

So has the Lord dealt with us. All of our Churches that have reported, have sent us good tidings. It becomes us gratefully to acknowledge God's goodness, and to exalt His name together. May we remember, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Respectfully submitted

JAMES WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Classis of Kingston respectfully presents to the Particular Synod of New York:

That the State of our Churches for the past year has been encouraging. In several of these Churches, somewhat marked blessings have been experienced and scores have been added to the Church.

The work of Christian duty, if viewed in the light of gifts, has not been so successful as hitherto. But these diminished gifts are rather the result of the hard times, and in some instances our Churches have been called to make unusual gifts for their own purposes.

The review of the reports of Churches gives us the following results:

The *Church of Guilford* reports strong desire for deeper interest in spiritual things, but laments that these desired prayers have not been more fully answered. This Church is however in an encouraging condition.

The *Church of the Clove* comes up with a report of good things. The Lord has blessed this field, and every consideration is pleasing and full of hope. 35 were added by confession of faith.

The *Churches of Hurley and North Church of Marbletown* report no unusual interest, but the means of grace have been well kept up and attended with good degree of interest.

Second Church of Kingston reports a quickened interest among professing Christians. The addition to the communion has been 11 on confession. Confidence is expressed, that a new system of benevolent action which has been introduced will show happy results.

The *Church of New Paltz* finds reason for joy and thankfulness. The debt of $6,000 has been paid. The Spirit of the Lord has given a gentle work of grace, blessing the Church. 33 have made confession of faith in Christ.

The *Church of Krumville* reports good tidings. The services of a pastor have been obtained, and the Holy Spirit is among the people. 16 have professed Christ.

The *Church of Rochester* has been called to mourn the death of a beloved and faithful pastor, and appeals to our sympathies and prayers in her widowed condition.

The *Church of Dashville Falls* shows an excellent spiritual condition, and is hopefully at work.

The *Church of St. Remy* reports the addition of 27 on confession of faith, which is an average nearly of one for each family.

The *Church of Marbletown* reports an improved spiritual condition during the latter part of the year. 14 have been received on confession of faith.

The *Church of Rosendale* reports financial and other difficulties, which have hindered the progress of the good cause. Fervent hope for improvement is expressed.

The *Church of Bloomingdale* reports amidst discouragements reasons for hope.

Attention has been given by the Classis to all the injunctions and recommendations of the higher ecclesiastical bodies. The reports of the Churches may show less fruit than we could desire, but the Lord's cause is dear to us.

The Classis has been called to mourn the death of Rev. S. P. M. Hastings, pastor of the Church of Rochester. We mourn him as a brother beloved; a wise man; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord with marked dignity, yet with sweet gentleness, which endeared him to all who knew him.

The *Church of Krumville* has called Rev. Paul T. Deyo to be its pastor. Mr. Deyo is at work in this field, and will soon be installed. The Classis anticipates happy results from this connection. Indeed the Lord's blessing already appears.

The relation between Rev. J. F. Harris and the North Church of Marbletown has been dissolved.

In reviewing the history of the year the Classis feels constrained to acknowledge the grace of our covenant Lord, and looks forward to see Him do greater works than these. May He fulfill all of our desires.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion is very happy to be able to report that the tidings which come from the various Churches within our bounds are cheering and hopeful. While in none is

there reported a wide spread and powerful revival, yet nearly all are experiencing the special tokens of the Spirit's presence. The deep religious interest which has been so widely felt during the past few months in so many parts of our land, has extended to some extent at least among our own Churches, and we have great reason for thankfulness to God for the encouraging reports which we have received. There is a similarity in many of the reports in this respect: That the indifference and coldness which had been only too apparent on the part of the Church were giving way to a deeper interest for the spiritual welfare of others, and there were now, as there had not been for years, indications of spiritual blessings in store for them. From all the Churches we hear of increased attendance upon the Sabbath services and meetings for prayer, and of the flourishing condition of the Sabbath-schools connected with them.

The *Church of Flushing* with thankfulness reports "some degree of prosperity," while deploring the loss by removal of some earnest workers. They have reason to hope that soon others will come forward to take their places. "For a great part of the classical year, it seemed to our feeble faith, as if we had but little share in the almost universal shower of blessing. But there have been many praying hearts that would not faint nor give over their importunate asking at the hands of the Lord. Of late there has been a tenderness under the preaching of the truth and a subdued and quiet religious feeling manifestly increasing in depth. Inquirers have come to unburden their hearts to the pastor, and at our last communion it was permitted us to rejoice as in the 'joy of harvest' begun."

The *Church of North Hempstead* also reports that within a few weeks, after a period of a low state of spiritual life, there is evidence of a deep interest in religious things. This interest is manifestly on the increase, and "there are anxious souls in every part of the congregation," and the Church is looking forward to the future with much hope and great joy.

The *Church of Oyster Bay* feels that it has special reasons for thankfulness and encouragement. New members have been added to its communion, and others are waiting to enroll themselves among the people of God. "Prayerfulness and earnestness on the

part of Christians have been much increased," and the Church is "encouraged to hope that a turning point has been reached in its history, and that it is entering upon a period of increased prosperity and blessing."

The *Church of Astoria* is able to report that substantial progress has been made during the year. There has been a steady gain in its membership, and new work has been undertaken by the Church and successfully carried forward. The outlook for the future is especially hopeful, as "there seems to be a quickened interest in spiritual things in the congregation, and a willingness on the part of members to engage in active work."

The *Church at Queens*, which during the year has had a pastor installed over it, reports increasing interest in the prayer meeting and Sabbath services. An encouraging feature is "a growing interest in spiritual things among the young people," and the weekly meeting sustained by them is productive of good, and "here and there a new one comes inquiring the way of life."

The *Green Point Church* reports a well-sustained interest in all its religious services during the year. The prayer meetings have been largely attended and deep feeling has been at times very manifest in them. The Sabbath-school is doing a good work, having some seventy-five teachers and officers, and nearly six hundred scholars, and there have been additions to the Church from it at every communion season.

The *Second Church of Newtown* desires to express its gratitude to the Lord for the blessing He has bestowed upon it during the past year. "Love and harmony prevail among us, and we are much blessed in our services. Our Sabbath-school is increasing and youthful souls are brought to Christ."

The *Church at East Williamsburgh* is pressing on in the good work of the Master. The attendance on the Divine services is better than has been for some years.

The *Church at Locust Valley* has had a pastor installed during the year, and there are at the present time indications that the "Spirit is working upon the hearts of the people." Extra meetings are being held with good results.

The *Church of College Point* reports increased attendance upon Church ordinances. "The prosperity of the Church in both temporal and spiritual matters does not abate."

The *Church of Sayville* has had during the past year much excitement in the midst of them, but the troubles through which it was called to pass have been overruled for good, especially in leading the youth to greater thoughtfulness and attention to religious things. Difficulty is experienced in these days of business depression to meet the necessary expenses.

The *German Evangelical Church of Brooklyn* sends an encouraging report. It has received quite a large addition to its membership by confession. Its need of a new and commodious building is however more and more seriously felt every year.

The *Church at Laurel Hill* reports "no unusual religious interest, yet the marks of God's favor and presence have been abundant." The attendance on Sabbath services are steadily increasing.

The *First Church of Long Island City*, which is associated with the one at Laurel Hill, in enjoying the pastoral service of the same minister, reports that its mission field is a large one and is in need of more helpers. The influence of the Sabbath-school upon those who have been engaged in its work has been very beneficial "The prospect of growth for the Church is promising."

The *Church of Newtown* has dismissed a number of its members to organize a new Church, making this the fourth to which it has furnished the members. It has, notwithstanding, kept its own, and expects an accession at the next communion.

The *Church of South Bushwick* has had tokens of the Spirit's presence within a revival. A number are seeking Christ. The Church has felt the effects of the panic in many matters, but have made ends meet.

Second Reformed Church of Astoria (German) has much reason for gratitude. Peace and harmony reign. Its members are zealous in good works. Their debt has been paid, and both Church and parsonage have been renovated.

The *Church of Jamaica* is in good working condition and in a fair state of spiritual and temporal prosperity. Congregations full. Harmony and peace and some signs of revival.

The *Church of Williamsburgh* has not transmitted a report.

The following ministerial changes have taken place:

Andrew Hagaman, licentiate of the Classis of Philadelphia has been received, ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Queens. Horace P. Craig received from Classis of Philadelphia. ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Locust Valley. Mr. Algernon Matthews licensed to preach the Gospel and dismissed to the Classis of Bergen. Geo. R. Garretson has been received as licentiate from the Classis of Bergen, ordained and installed pastor of the Churches at Laurel Hill and Long Island City. Rev. W. W. Hicks has been dismissed to the Florida Conference of M. E. Church.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS FRANCIS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee upon the State of Religion respectfully report that they have examined the statements made by the various churches connected with the Classis, and have found cause for renewed thankfulness to God for His continued favors. Without exception, the churches have enjoyed peace and prosperity. The Word has been faithfully preached, and the Sacraments regularly administered. The attendance upon Divine services has in all cases been encouraging, and with some Churches largely increased; a token of deep religious interest.

The aggregate number of conversions is considerably larger than reported last year; indeed, some of our Churches have been richly blessed with a quiet, deep work of grace, and in all of them there seems to have prevailed a spirit of prayer and a hopeful looking for of blessing.

The following extracts from the consistorial reports, together with the statistical tables, will give some indication of the condition of the Churches:

The *Church of Brooklyn* reports: "It is a matter of thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, that, deprived for months of the labors of a Pastor, the interest of her members has been so well sustained." Admissions have been about balanced by deaths and dismissals to other Churches. Benevolent contributions have been well sustained, Sabbath-schools well attended, and additions to the Church

have been made from the pupils. This has been especially true of the Mission school Thankful for the mercy drops of grace, they are waiting in hope and prayer for an abundant blessing.

Within the past year the Rev. Henry R. Dickson, of the Bethel Presbytery of South Carolina, has become the pastor of this Church.

The *Church of Flatbush* reports: That in addition to the usual means of grace, the pastor has delivered occasional sermons to the Sabbath-school children. The ladies of the congregation have interested themselves in the distribution of tracts, and have organized a society to promote the interest of the Foreign Mission work. The Sabbath-school has maintained its interest and increased in numbers. The benevolent operations commended by General Synod have been sustained with liberality. Four hundred and eighty dollars have been contributed to the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology of Hope College. Encouraged and aided by this Church, a Reformed Church has been formed in Flatbush, while the work in the Flatbush Mission has been vigorously prosecuted under the charge of Mr. Charles Wright, of the Senior Theological class, New Brunswick.

The *Church of New Utrecht* reports: "This has been a year of financial prosperity. An addition to the church edifice has been completed, and a handsome organ secured by the generous gifts of the congregation." Church services have been well attended, and the various benevolent operations sustained with liberality. While there has not been an encouraging addition to the Church during the year, there are present indications of a spiritual harvest. Thirty-five are looking forward to a union with the Church on next Sabbath.

The *Church of Gravesend* reports: "While God has so graciously visited so many Churches throughout the land, He has not forgotten us in the distribution of His blessings." The Week of Prayer was observed, and special services have been continued till the present. The prayer meetings have been full of interest. For five months past the attendance has been twice as large as formerly. Twelve have been admitted to the Church upon profession of faith, while many more are feeling a deep concern for their souls. The young men are full of zeal for the Master, and hold a prayer meeting.

The *Church of Flatlands* reports: There have been six additions to the Church, four of them upon confession of faith, one of them a

lad who has been a confirmed invalid for many years, and another is a son of the pastor, but twelve years of age. Special meetings were held for two weeks in December, and were well attended. The Week of Prayer was observed and extra services maintained during the subsequent two weeks. There is religious tenderness, but no general work of grace.

The *Church of East New York* reports: "The first half of the year was one of no marked religious interest." In October a pastor was installed, and, as the result of united labor, pastor and people are rejoicing in a precious work of grace. The weekly prayer meeting is well attended; also the young men's meeting on Wednesday evening.

Upon the first Sabbath in February twenty-three were added to the Church upon confession of faith, mostly from the Sabbath-school. The Sabbath-school is in a very promising condition.

The *Church of Middle Brooklyn* reports: "During the past year all the usual ministrations of the sanctuary and the collateral means of grace have been in vigorous and uninterrupted operation." The attendance at the Sabbath services and the prayer meetings has increased within the past few months. A young peoples' prayer meeting has been established and is largely attended. The Sabbath-school is large and interesting. The teachers hold prayer meeting at the close of the Sabbath-school service, at which a large number of scholars remain. There are two other prayer meetings upon the Sabbath, one before the morning service and one of ten or fifteen minutes following the evening service. The ladies have a prayer meeting upon Thursday and the young ladies upon Friday. Fifty-nine have been added to the Church during the year, thirty-nine upon confession of faith and twenty by letter.

The *Twelfth Street Church* reports: The sadness of the people at the resignation of Dr. N. P. Pierce, who for a quarter of a century had filled a large place in the hearts of the people, has been mingled with joy that God has given them an earnest and faithful pastor. Prosperity in temporal matters is reported. The attendance at Sabbath services is taxing the church edifice to its full seating capacity. The weekly lecture and prayer meetings are largely attended, while the Sabbath-school has more than filled the rooms of the basement, compelling many classes to find place in the audience room of the church. Better than this, the Master has sent the Holy Spirit, and there has been a large ingathering of souls.

The *Church on the Heights* reports: "A good measure of Divine blessing has accompanied the services in connection with the Church and Sabbath school. The services have been attended by an increasing congregation." In the Sabbath-school there has been a good deal of spiritual interest, and several of the scholars have made a public profession of their faith in Christ during the year. There has been a large measure of interest in connection with the weekly prayer meeting. The Mission Sunday-school work at Bethany Chapel has been prosecuted with energy, and some of the pupils have made a public profession of their faith. The Church has maintained its spirit of giving, as indicated by the reports of its contributions to benevolent causes.

The *Reformed Church of New Brooklyn* reports: "God's Word has been presented to us with clearness and force, and it has moved the hearts of many of our people." Several have accepted of Christ and made a public confession of their faith; others, once negligent of the means of grace, are now attending service and receive the Word with interest.

The *Second Reformed Church of Flatbush* reports: That they are a new Church, recently organized. The pastor was installed in November, 1875. The new church edifice was opened about the middle of December. The enterprise is hopeful.

E. P. INGERSOLL, *Chairman.*

The ministerial changes occurring during the year have been as follows:

The pastoral relation between the Twelfth Street Church and Rev. N. P. Pierce, D.D., has been dissolved.

The candidate. N. F. Nickerson, has been dismissed to the St. Lawrence Presbytery.

Rev. U. D. Gulick was received from the Classis of Illinois, and installed pastor of the Twelfth Street Church.

Rev. Wm. J. Hill was received from the Classis of Westchester, and installed pastor of the Church of East New York.

Rev. Henry R. Dickson was received from the Bethel Presbytery, S. C., and installed pastor of the Church of Brooklyn.

Rev. H A. Friedel was received from the Classis of New York, and installed over the Second Reformed Church of Flatbush.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. C. W. Wood and the Church of New Lots was dissolved.

D. S. SUTPHEN, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The statistics which have come before your Committee indicate that the past has been a year of spiritual growth and progress. While no unusual revival interest has passed through our Churches, the reports of nearly all of them show a very healthy condition. We need to bear in mind that figures at best but poorly represent spiritual facts. The review must be taken from a higher point of observation and with wider survey. Financial embarrassments, and the general distrust which prevails in commercial life, of necessity greatly affect our Churches, located, as most of them are, where they directly feel the pulsations of metropolitan life. Still, they all of them seem to have withstood bravely the wave of depression which has swept over city and country, and that more dangerous wave of worldliness and infidelity which is ever beating against them. Many of them have been specially favored with spiritual increase. Some of them have been relieved of debt, or have signs of relief in prospect. The interest in the Sabbath school cause is in all of them manifestly on the increase, and the good effect is immediately felt in the churches.

A brief synopsis of the reports from the churches is herewith presented.

New York reports "a year of goodly prosperity as evidenced by the attendance upon the services, the interest of the people in the various departments of Christian work, the financial support of its Mission operations, the amount of donations, and the addition to its communion by confession of faith and letters from sister churches."

Harlem reports a "Church closed for repairs during part of last summer, otherwise the services have been regularly maintained. The attendance at Sabbath-school, prayer meeting and Church services has been increasingly good. We have felt the quickening impulse of the revival, which has blessed so many portions of our land, and have been favored with a gentle refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The spiritual tone of the Church has been richer during the whole year, and is, if anything, more full and decided to-day. Especially is the good work apparent in the Sabbath-school—our out-look is hopeful, because the in-look is good."

South reports "a year of marked prosperity with increasing congregations. The Sunday-schools and one industrial school for girls have been in flourishing operation, and although the commercial depression of the times has unfavorably affected some of our benevolent contributions, others have increased. The spiritual condition of the congregation has been, and continues, especially interesting and hopeful. Seventy-seven have been added to the communion, the larger proportion on confession of their faith." Special mention is made of "God's blessing on their mission work, during the past year, in their handsome and commodious chapel on 26th Street, where the congregation is rapidly increasing, the Gospel regularly preached, and thirty-six persons were recently added to the Church on confession of faith."

Staten Island has nothing especially noteworthy to report, although extra services have been held with much interest and encouragement.

Bloomingdale reports "an evident appreciative hearing of the Word preached, with some additions to church membership, and an enlarged Sabbath-school."

Madison Avenue—No report.

Thirty-fourth St. reports.—"In the absence of a settled pastor, we have great reason to thank God, as we have been enabled thus far to hold the greater part of our congregation. A deep religious feeling has been manifest during the winter, and eleven were added on confession. Our prayer-meetings are well attended, and all the regular services of the Church are kept up."

Richmond reports, "Since its union with the Church of the Huguenots, Divine service has been regularly sustained on Sabbath morning, and the congregation is slowly increasing. A Sunday-school has been organized, the parsonage repaired, and collections taken for our Foreign and Domestic Missions."

Mott Haven reports "increased prosperity in spiritual and financial matters. Extra services have been called for and blessed, a goodly number of new members have been received, and the Work of the Holy Spirit is still manifest, especially in the Sabbath-school."

Huguenots has nothing of special interest to report. "Harmony prevails, and a Sabbath evening service has been organized. The union with the Church at Richmond works well, and promises most beneficial results."

Fourth German feels constrained to acknowledge the blessing of the Lord. There is an increase in the number received on confession, and in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes. An afternoon Sabbath-school service has been commenced in the English language, which promises well."

Prospect Hill, "while feeling the pressure of the times, rejoices in the gradually improving health of its pastor. To a great extent he has resumed the ordinary services out of and in the pulpit, and with such earnestness and power that no further efforts are being made to obtain an associate pastor." A marked seriousness prevails in Church and Sabbath-school, and we hope for a season of refreshing."

The *Holland Church*, with gratitude to God, makes her most pleasant report. In his infinite mercy, God has given them a permanent house of worship. The liberal donation of $10,000.00 from the consistory of St. Paul's Church, laid the foundation for this good work. His majesty, William the Third, King of the Netherlands, added $1,000.00; altogether, $16,500.00 have been subscribed and nearly collected. A large dwelling-house has been purchased in West 11th Street, the lower part to be converted into a chapel, and the upper into a parsonage. She calls on her sister churches to praise God with her for this great blessing.

Ave. B. German, though without a pastor, is regularly supplied. "Its services are well attended, and a number have been received on confession of their faith. This Church is looking forward to the settlement of a pastor during the coming year."

Union, Highbridge, reports "marked progress and increased interest. Rev. H. Du Bois has labored faithfully among us for the last six years. The average attendance is increasing, and a goodly number have been added during the year."

Brighton Heights reports, "at almost every communion some added. The attendance on Sabbath and weekly service increasing, and many indications of the presence of the Spirit."

Union, Sixth Avenue, reports "the past year one of numerical and spiritual growth. The out-look is very promising. We devoutly recognize the goodness of the Lord. To Him be glory both now and ever."

Norfolk Street German reports, "with a settled pastor but two months, a remarkable zeal has already manifested itself among the people, and all the services are well attended."

HASBROUCK DU BOIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

It has been a delightful task for your Committee to examine the Statistical Tables and Consistorial reports which have been placed in their hands Without an exception the Churches which have sent in their reports, have received accessions to their membership. In several instances these have been larger than ever before, and the statement of these results is accompanied with grateful expressions to the great Head of the Church, for such a gracious outpouring of the Spirit. Even where these additions have not been numerically large, the Churches report a hopeful condition of things. The ordinances of God's house have never been more faithfully observed and the laity have never manifested a greater zeal in all the departments of church work. The few Churches which have not shared in the almost general revival show by their hungering and thirsting after God, that the Spirit has been stirring up their warm desires. We are assured that God will be true to his promises and that the set time to favor these parts of Zion will speedily come.

Although the contributions in some Churches to benevolent purposes, have fallen below the figures of last year, yet the general average has been nearly reached.

Reports from the Churches:

Berea:—This Church cannot bring the joyful information of large increase, yet tells of the ordinances of God's house well observed, prayer meeting, Sabbath-school and Bible class in a prosperous condition. The death of an Elder, Mr. Robert Dill, is noted with deep regret.

Bloomingburgh acknowledges that while prosperity both spiritually and financially is lacking, yet there is joy that a few names have been given to confess Christ.

Callicoon sends no report.

Claryville sends no report.

Cuddebackville has had no special religious interest, but has had an unusual attendance upon the means of grace.

Deerpark reports a revival which has resulted in a larger addition than the Church has ever before received at a single communion season.

Ellenville, though disappointed in not being able to speak of great things, yet rejoices in not being wholly forgotten of the Lord. A few souls are giving evidence of being born again. A serious and inquiring spirit prevades the congregation.

Fallsburgh reports professing Christians greatly quickened, elevated brotherly love largely increased, backsliders reclaimed, and the largest addition ever made at once in a pastorate of nine years.

Fremont send no report.

Grahamville has enjoyed the labors of a lay Evangelist, Mr. Richard P. Milliken, with very precious results. The Church is aroused and strengthened.

Jeffersonville sends no report.

Kerhonkson.—The Church still lives, with no special evidence that God is with us, yet with enough of cheer to send us hopefully forward to the work of the new ecclesiastical year.

Mamakating enjoyed during the last summer the labors of a student in the Seminary at New Brunswick, Mr. Killough, and was greatly profited. Since January, Rev. A. F. Todd has ministered at a Sabbath afternoon service, and has also held a series of prayer meetings. The membership has been generally quickened and a number of precious souls have been saved.

Minnisink reports nothing of special interest.

Montgomery has shared in the choice gifts which our Father has been bestowing upon his children during this centennial year. On the first Sabbath in March fifty new members were received, making in all a total increase during the year of sixty-six on profession of their faith.

Newburgh.—The year has been one of great peace and prosperity. The largest addition which the Church has ever received at one time has been the result of active personal labor on the part of the membership. God's presence is manifestly with us.

New Hurley reports the existence of outward good order and commendable moral deportment in the community. Great pro-

gress has been made in this direction. Our town has voted not to license the sale of intoxicating drinks. No especial religious interest is manifest. Sabbath-school and prayer meetings are well sustained.

New Prospect is not left without some indications of a gracious presence. Peace and harmony prevail.

North Branch sends no report; this and the other German Churches being without pastoral oversight.

Shawangunk, without any external show of revival, has made larger numerical gains than in any previous year of the present pastorate.

Walden, since the Week of Prayer, has evidently had a baptism of the Spirit. The interest taken and the work done by and among the young people inspires hope.

Wallkill Valley says, spiritually our condition is cheering and promising, but financially the prospect is dark. The fears expressed for the last two years have been fully realized. Still we hope for better days.

Walpack (*Upper*) sends no report.

Walpack (*Lower*). Though some aspects of our condition and work are discouraging, yet we have reason to thank God and take courage.

Wawarsing.—Our regular services have been well attended and the interest has been uniformly good. A few souls have been brought into the Kingdom.

The following Ministerial changes have taken place, viz.:

Rev. William Elterich has been dismissed from the pastoral care of the Churches of Callicoon, Jeffersonville, North Branch and Fremont to the Classis of Bergen.

Rev. W. E. Turner has been dismissed from the pastorate of Minnesink.

Rev. S. J. Rogers has been dismissed from the Church of Deerpark, the dismissal to take effect May 15, 1876.

Rev. Peter B. Crolius has been received from the Classis of Bergen, and installed over the Church of Kerhonkson.

Rev. Nathan W. Jones, a member of this Classis, without charge, has been overtaken by death. Engaged in preaching from place to place, he was taken ill while stopping overnight with a

Millbrook.—At present we are not without hope that the Spirit of the Lord is about to visit us. Already a few drops have fallen and we wait with earnest prayer and expectation for the promised hour when "there shall be showers of blessings."

Cold Spring gives nothing more than statistics. Four have been received on confession.

From these reports we perceive in nearly every Church an unusual degree of spiritual life. God has already blessed many of them and the future expectation is unusually hopeful. A great wave of spiritual influence is bearing its saving benefits to our various congregations, and we shall be greatly disappointed if the coming months do not make a record of many added to the Church of such as shall be saved. The fields are white unto the harvest. Our faithful sowing has we trust been growing for an abundant ingathering. The tone of these reports is such that we have great expectations from the Lord. We know He alone giveth the increase, but He is evidently drawing near with power to bless.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. Asher Anderson has been received from the Classis of Ulster and installed over the Church of Fishkill. Dr. C. Van Cleef has gone to his reward, leaving us the legacy of his noble Christian example. His earnest and glowing words to us one year ago linger in memory as sounds from home, giving incentive for labor and sweet anticipations of the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report to Classis, that reports have been received from all the Churches.

An examination of them reveals the fact that general harmony and peace have prevailed in the Churches, that the ordinances and worship of God's house have been regularly maintained, that there has been an increase in the number of communicants, in most cases not large, but in some instances quite encouraging.

The following extracts from the reports of the Churches will perhaps be the best idea of the State of Religious life prevailing in them.

The *Church of Bronxville* says: "The year has been one of progress. A blessing has rested especially upon the young people.

As fast as they enter into covenant with God and his people they interest themselves in work and worship, and give great encouragement to the pastor by their devotedness and seemly behaviour. The Church believes it has shared in the blessing attending the work of the Evangelists in the city and thanks God therefor."

The *Church of Courtlandtown* reports, that it is advancing slowly but surely. The services on the Sabbath are well attended. The Sunday-school is in a very prosperous condition, and it feels that it has good cause to look for still greater success in this field of labor.

The *Church of Greenburg*. This Church is at present without a pastor, but has been acceptably served, during the last few months, by a student from Union Theological Seminary.

The *Church of Fordham* is also without a pastor and gives nothing but the Statistical report.

The *Church of Greenville*. "The attendance on the Sabbath and the other services of the Church," says the Consistorial report, "is all that can be desired, and in every respect encouraging. We are earnestly praying for those reviving influences of the Holy Spirit, which are being poured out so copiously in other parts of our Zion."

Church of Hastings. This Church has suffered much the past year, through the loss of families, by removal from the village, which, has been almost depleted of its working classes through, three fires which destroyed three large factories. It is estimated that within the last three months full forty families have removed from the place. The Saw Mill Valley Church has likewise suffered from many removals on account of the prevalence of malaria. Services have been suspended for this reason, in that Church, the last six months. Notwithstanding these drawbacks there has never been but one year in the existence of the Church when more have been received by confessions, and the returns for benevolent and congregational purposes have fallen but little below those of last year.

Church of Melrose. The report includes only what has been done since the pastor-elect, Mr. J. E. Lacy, took charge, on the 1st of Dec. 1875. It has but 45 families and has received 28 on confession of faith.

Church of Mt. Vernon. "Harmony has prevailed, the growth of Church and Congregation has been steady, and the attendance

on public worship has been large. It is gratifying, that although, (as might be expected from the depression in business) the contributions for congregational purposes show a slight falling off from last year's report; those for religious and benevolent purposes have advanced nearly 25 per cent. The Church is just setting about building a new Chapel, its present one being out of repair, and too small for the uses of the growing Sunday-school."

Church of Peekskill. "The condition of our Church is hopeful. Satisfactory results have attended efforts for the payment of the Church debt, and better still, we have enjoyed signal evidence of the Spirit's presence. There is a growing confidence on the part of the people, and a general manifestation of vitality throughout the congregation."

First Church of Tarrytown. "The table of statistics fairly represents the condition of the Church. A good state of feeling has prevailed, the attendance on Sabbath and at the weekly services has been large, and an unfailing interest manifested in all the concerns of the Church. While the amount raised for Church purposes is smaller than that reported last year, the sum raised for benevolence is more than 40 per cent. greater than that reported then. This is owing to the operation of the Envelope plan, which we have adopted during the past year."

Second Church of Tarrytown. The Church reports a somewhat peculiar experience since the last report. Its ordinary services were for more than six months disturbed, first by the work of renovating the Church, then by the prolonged illness of the pastor. The Church edifice is now in a better and more attractive condition than ever before, and the pastor's health is entirely restored. The Church has been prospered both temporally and spiritually to an extent that calls for devout gratitude. The current income of the Church has exceeded its current expenses by several hundred dollars, and twenty-two have been united to the Church by Confession of their Faith.

Church of Unionville. In view of the wide-spread visitations of mercy throughout the land, this Church records with sorrow its unfruitfulness. The regular services have been maintained. The Sabbath-school has been continued throughout the year, contrary to previous usages, and has presented features of more than usual encouragement.

The *Church of West Farms* says: "During the past year there has been a good degree of interest in all our religious services. During the past six months our meetings have been marked by an unusual degree of earnestness. There have been several cases of conversion and there are some who are seeking the Lord. Our Sabbath-school, under the care of Prof. Wood, is in a very interesting and hopeful state. At our last Communion three were received by confession from it.

Church of Yonkers According to the Consistorial report this Church has been led into a heartiness of effort and freeness of giving that has thrown off every dollar of debt solid and floating. Though in a time of financial depression, more that $20,000 has been raised in thirteen months. The Church desires to recognize that this work is clearly of God. Twenty-four persons have been received by Confession of their Faith. The services of the sanctuary have been increasingly well attended during the year. The Church reports that every token with it is encouraging, though it has not received that large out-pouring of the Holy Spirit that was expected in view of His mighty work in our great city and other places.

During the year the following pastoral changes have taken place in the Classis: The Rev. Francis Bagley has been dismissed from the pastoral charge of the Church of Greenburg, and the Rev. George Windemuth from the Church of Melrose. The Rev. Joseph A. Harper has been ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Courtlandtown, and the Rev. Isaac L. Kip has been received from the Classis of Rensselaer, and installed pastor of the Church of Peekskill.

JOHN K. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes R. A. P.	Congregational Purposes R. A. P.	
Arcot and 3 out stations..	Rev. John Scudder, M D	66	2	12	9	4	...	62	13	8	25	...	260	428 9 3	51 4	Arcot, Madras Presd. S. India.
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Chittoor	Rev. Andrew Sawyer....	40	3	3	40	...	2	70	6	3	2	.....	174	98 4 11	58 5	Chittoor "
Coonoor and 1 out station..	Rev. Zachariah John....	53	..	1	6	...	1	62	8	2	10	.....	207	49 15 2	73 5	Coonoor "
Gnanodiam & 1 out station	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	27	...	4	...	...	...	49	8	...	2	.....	188	17 6 4	5	Arcot "
Kandipattur & 1 out station	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	21	...	...	...	...	...	34	2	...	7	.....	79	19 7 6	9 13 6	Vellore "
Kattupadi and 3 outstations	" "	24	2	...	...	...	1	30	9	2	21	.....	120	15 11	8 13 8	" "
Kottapalli and 4 out stations	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	36	...	26	...	...	...	26	2	...	48	.....	143	13 7	11 14	Chittoor "
Marutuvambadi.....	E. C. Scudder, M D.....	13	...	...	...	...	...	16	6	2	2	.....	56	11 5 3	4 4	Vellore "
Mudnapilly & 5 out stations	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M. A...	47	...	...	...	1	1	21	6	...	....	.....	210	37 4 4	15 6	Palamanair "
Palamanair...	" "	14	...	1	3	.	2	16	1	...	2	.....	41	33 9 6	5	" "
Orattur and 5 out stations..	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	75	70	...	16	...	...	126	77	70	21	.....	329	39 1 5	8 14 3	Vellore "
Sattambadi & 2 out stations	Rev. John Scudder, M D.	22	...	...	...	3	2	36	5	...	4	.....	84	19 14 3	2 6	Arcot "
Sekadu and 2 out stations..	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	24	..	...	...	...	...	32	4	...	12	.....	99	16 15	10 3	Vellore "
Varikkal and 1 out station .	" "	12	...	16	...	...	...	24	16	9	1	.....	67	7 10 4	1 8	" "
Vellambi...	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	21	...	2	...	5	...	40	2	...	1	.....	98	9 10 1	5 4	Arcot "
Vellore.....	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	45	5	11	...	...	3	60	10	...	2	...	180	399 15 1	84 3 10	Vellore "
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Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. W. Scudder, and Rev. J. Chamberlain, in America. Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, Tindevanum, Madras Pres. S. India.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	28	10	6	...	4	470	8	11	200	1	810	$2,637 43	$5,850	Hudson,	N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	100	30	1	...	...	3	237	3	7	...	4	200	148 88	2,104 95	Claverack,	"
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	20	6	4	..	3	196	4	10	....	3	200	413 85	1,378	Mellenville	"
Linlithgow	Thomas S. Dusinberre	94	4	...	1	...	4	139	5	2	...	1	60	226 81	.....	Livingston	"
Greenport	John S. Himrod	98	51	2	1	...	1	257	8	32	.....	2	160	400	1,800	Hudson	"
Germantown	James Wyckoff	105	42	2	3	...	3	180	5	9	88	1	186	70 78	1,405 76	Germantown	"
Upper Red Hook	Joseph Scudder	106	17	6	2	...	4	144	8	4	188	1	174	814 22	3,256 64	Upper Red Hook	"
Taghkanic	John B. Church	76	...	...	...	...	3	126	9	....	. .	3	140	109 27	1,015 68	West Copake	"
Gallatin*	De Witt B. Wyckoff	76	15	1	4	..	3	128	1	7	... .	1	85	162 04	1,640 16	Mt. Ross	"
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgo	Abram H. Myers	54	5	3	...	....		44	1	2	. .	1	40	... .	725 00	Linlithgow	"
	Total	1109	212	81	21	....	28	1921	52	84	876	17	1555	$4,888 23	$18,676 19		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson. Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson. Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson.

* Known previously as Greenbush.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S.S.	56	8	...	...	...	...	99	5	1	.....	2	100	$21	$521 96	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	150	35	8	5	8	2	196	4	14	75	2	235	$41 64	2,021 89	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	Wm. N. Todd	100	9	3	3	...	1	155	3	7	.. ..	1	165	33 56	760 90	Ripton Glen, " "
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher	100	5	1	...	...	...	92	4	....	85	4	173	161 25	1,421	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	J. Ferguson Harris	62	1	4	2	...	...	116	3	1	50	1	90	169 50	673 82	Hurley, " "
Second Kingston	James Demarest, Jr.	150	11	9	9	...	...	346	6	3	.....	1	302	559 67	5,923 98	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo*	45	16	1	1	...	1	50	3	6	40	1	60	....	87	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	Victor M. Hulbert	170	14	1	3	...	6	279	6	4	...	2	170	151 88	1,488 50	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	250	33	8	10	1	9	409	19	11	185	6	297	700 85	8,714 78	New Paltz, " "
North Marbletown	Vacant	60	6	...	1	..	...	117	3	1	50	1	70	68	529 10	Marbletown, " "
Rochester	Vacant	100	4	...	...	..	...	125	3	1	75	5	376	139	1,289 76	Accord, " "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	...	1	...	...	1	97	3	....	...	1	80	39 27	1,114 20	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	Wm. N. Todd	28	27	...	1	...	1	66	7	14	15	1	40	.....	357 58	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1331	164	86	35	4	21	2147	79	63	575	28	2158	$2,496 12	$24,808 72	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. James R. Lente, (Emeritus), Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, N. Y.

* Pastor Elect.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	180	11	8	3	...	5	282	4	...	.....	1	125	$499 90	$2,797 92	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	100	2	1	18	...	8	191	12	...	...	2	250	670 95	2,617 19	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	6	...	3	...	2	110	4	4	..	1	100	208 52	1,311 32	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	87	10	..	..	..	..	117	6	6	80	1	80	102 19	1,893 68	Mannhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	p880	11	8	5	..	3	498	12	4	.....	8	1000	1.100	18,000	Brooklyn, E. D, "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	77	18	24	.	...	6	167	3	2	....	1	199	736 24	3,245 59	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	103	14	3	5	...	1	210	6	2	75	1	180	275	3,600	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	216	21	24	5	...	6	879	10	6	.	1	566	700	8,303 97	143 Noble st., Brooklyn, E. D.
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	100	9	4	7	...	.	172	11	2	.. ..	1	350	180	3,500	15 Himrod st, " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	85	14	.	...	...	2	161	58	....	12	1	120	6	1,400	Astoria, L. I.
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	80	1	...	...	...	...	28	2	...	20	1	100	116 48	485 07	220 South 5th, Brooklyn, E. D.
Second Newtown	John Wenisch	20	17	...	3	...	2	59	9	...	12	1	80	9	225	Newtown, L. I.
Queens	Andrew Hagaman	78	6	3	.	...	2	107	3	2	....	1	177	188 25	2,071 18	Queens, "
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	250	23	3	12	...	6	445	154	....	252	2	550	152 50	1,693 44	315 Graham av, Brooklyn, E.D.
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	58	1	2	...	5	2	72	8	....	1	2	40	20 45	435 49	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	H. P. Craig	50	6	2	1	...	...	40	2	6	50	1	100	35 25	980 11	Locust Valley, "
College Point	E. S. Fairchild†	35	11	3	..	....	....	53	18	2	8	1	200	300	4,008 07	College Point, "
St. John's Laurel Hill	G. R. Garretson	80	1	...	5	...	...	20	1	....	50	1	80	48 97	400	147 Remson st., Brooklyn, E D.
First Ref. L. I. City	G. R. Garretson	25	5	3	...	...	...	19	....	....	70	1	180	.....	255 79	
	Total	1904	187	78	62	5	40	3123	318	36	630	24	4377	$5,299 65	$57,173 82	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. Alliger, N. Y. City. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.) Astoria, L. I.

p Last years' Report. † Pastor Elect. * 7 to form Church at Long Island City.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Brooklyn	Henry R. Dickson	*181	20	10	20	...	8	482	15	1	...	2	585	$7,900	$10,990 70	Brooklyn,	L. I.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	7	1	4	...	8	*206	7	2	200	1	325	6,710 88	3,000	Flatbush,	"
Flatbush Mission	Charles Wright, S. S.	62	2	...	...	...	...	80	3	...	...	1	70	...	...	Flatbush,	"
New Utrecht	David S. Stuphen, (s. c.).	95	1	2	4	...	5	203	10	...	100	3	330	1,010 87	6,000	New Utrecht,	"
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	125	12	...	7	...	4	183	10	2	75	2	190	448 56	2,318 58	Gravesend,	"
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	4	2	1	...	1	168	19	1	80	2	200	700	2,800	Flatlands,	"
New Lotts	C. W. Wood	98	15	2	3	...	3	145	9	1	90	.....	90	212 58	1,688 62	New Lotts,	"
East New York	William J. Hill	63	23	4	6	...	1	120	1	5	190	1	397	224 80	1,822 98	East New York,	"
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	56	13	1	...	...	...	56	15	1	...	1	...	...	...	Brooklyn,	"
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	270	89	20	10	...	11	552	21	11	150	1	425	992 11	10,952 86	Brooklyn,	"
Twelfth Street	U. D. Gulick	160	56	88	28	...	2	*846	20	9	89	1	650	924 37	10,409 89	Brooklyn,	"
North Reformed	A. R. Thompson	109	17	18	4	...	8	...	22	4	...	1	264	...	...	Brooklyn,	"
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	127	18	4	14	...	3	392	7	9	115	2	543	10,828 55	19,208 52	Brooklyn,	"
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	90	14	...	...	...	3	*180	78	...	80	1	150	50	1,267 06	Brooklyn,	"
East Brooklyn	J. H. Carroll	137	13	16	5	..	3	485	11	9	.....	1	290	.....	9,820	Brooklyn,	"
Rockville Centre	Vacant	20	...	...	8	...	...	22	...	...	.....	1	57	.....	844 73	Rockville Centre,	"
Second Flatbush	Henry A. Friedel	35	9	...	...	...	...	80	7	...	8	...	.....	20 60	500	Flatbush,	"
	Total	1798	268	118	109	...	60	3600	255	55	1177	21	4516	$30,022 82	$81,109 84		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. John A. Lansing. Rev. Julius Hones, 209 Stockton Street, Brooklyn. Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Manning, Brooklyn. Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush. Rev. N. P. Pierce, Brooklyn.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
	Thomas E. Vermilye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th st., N. Y.
Collegiate, New York	Talbot W. Chambers, (s.c.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36 st., "
	James M. Ludlow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	182 West 48th st., "
	William Ormiston	737	119	49	44	....	24	1868	46	10	650	7	2215	$32,676	.....	17 West 32d st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	150	20	17	14	....	8	251	15	4	.....	1	.....	1,182 67	.....	327 East 124th st., "
South New York	Ebenezer P Rogers.	200	59	18	8	....	2	561	15	11	.....	8	600	7,000	$14,000	42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	8	1	4	....	5	320	10	1	250	2	400	1,050	4,180	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	..	4	2	1	....	2	70	6		80	1	80	.....	.....	316 West 52d st., N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Thirty Fourth street	Vacant	111	20	8	30	....	8	349	10	5	170	1	270	920	4,908	
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	220	66	1	8	....	8	620	49	2	45	1	500	1,900 54	2,154 50	82 Second st., "
Richmond, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	2	91	33 52	.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Huguenots	Francis M. Kip	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	45	2	.....	.....	1	70	122 31	.....	" "
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	110	20	17	5	....	8	220	15	5	250	1	430	575	3,250	145th st., cor. 3d av., N. Y.
Union, High Bridge	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	35	5	1	.....	.....	.....	34	2	1	25	1	93	139 78	877 25	" "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	58	25	.....	.....	....	1	219	24	.....	26	1	225	211 45	2,284 88	248 West 40th st., "
Prospect Hill	D Mc L. Quackenbush	59	4	8	9	....	8	148	11	.....	208	1	348	858	2,098	231 East 86th st., "
Holland	A. H. Bechthold	100	.....	2	1	....	1	98	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	266 64	232 Eighth av., "
Av. B German Evan	Vacant	88	5	2	4	....	1	148	8	.....	.....	1	174	235	2,226 12	
Brookfield, Conn	Vacant	70	.....	.....	1	.....	1	88	.....	21	.....	1	80	.....	700	
Bushwick	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*280	.....	.....	.....	.....	*220	.....	.....	
Mattoax and Amelia Ct H.	John Hulzinga, Miss.	19	4	1	7	2	1	29	5	.....	30	1	35	89 28	100	Mattoax, Va.
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	180	11	8	7	1	8	206	16	1	185	1	270	326 51	3,525 18	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Union Ref., 6th av.	William B. Merritt	....	34	8	11	....	1	305	19	11	65	1	250	340 10	5,075 99	34 Charles st., N. Y.
German Ref., Norfolk st.	G. L. Neeff	290	21	1	4	....	11	400	70	....	50	1	550	314 36	1,941 20	129 Norfolk st., "
	Total	2467	425	140	159	8	78	6254	332	72	2284	29	7201	49,179 47	$42,807 21	

Ministers without Charge.—A. E. Van Nest, D D., 81 Fifth Av., N. Y. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. W. L. Johnson. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Aaron Lloyd, N. Y. E. Wiggins, N. Y. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.

Missionary Pastors.—J. Henry Bertholf. Wm. H. De Hart, Knox Mem. Chap., 512 Ninth Av. Vernon B. Carroll, 80 West 60th st. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point. L. W. Kip, China. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Japan. * Last years' Report.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	Lawrence L. Comfort	59	8	4	2	...	5	97	10	1	80	1	125	$99 23	$1,129	Walden, Orange Co., N.Y.
Bloomingburgh	Augustus F. Todd	75	10	1	1	...	1	190	7	4	80	...	...	46 87	.....	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon*	Vacant	100	...	...	...	...	...	228	....	....	10	.....	100	.....	.....	Callicoon, Sullivan " "
Claryville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Claryville, Sullivan " "
Cuddebackville	John DuBois	56	10	3	1	...	1	68	3	5	100	1	100	50 25	715 50	Cuddebackv'le, Orange " "
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	167	48	5	3	1	1	272	15	32	150	2	375	180 84	3,176 07	Port Jervis, Orange " "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley	70	5	2	2	...	3	247	4	1	.....	1	280	386 12	1,750	Ellenville, Ulster " "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	75	16	3	5	...	2	97	6	6	15	1	45	208 48	800	Fallsburgh, Sull. " "
Fremont*	Vacant	50	...	...	...	...	...	180	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fremont Sullivan " "
Grahamville	Vacant	40	11	...	2	...	5	75	...	....	.....	2	100	.....	468	Grahamville, Sullivan " "
Hortonville†	Vacant	52	...	...	...	...	...	124	...	....	11	.....	80	.....	.....	Hortonville, Sullivan " "
Jeffersonville*	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jeffersonville, Sullivan " "
Kerhonkson	Peter B. Crolius	80	6	2	4	...	2	98	22	2	11	1	120	20	815	Kerhonkson, Ulster " "
Mamakating	A. F. Todd, S. S.	40	18	1	...	...	2	74	3	10	80	1	50	.....	.....	Wurtsboro, Sullivan " "
Minnisink	Vacant	48	2	...	...	...	1	46	...	2	.....	1	72	6	500	Montague, Sussex " "
Montgomery	Cornelius Brett	185	66	2	2	...	5	409	17	11	150	1	234	1.431 92	2,888 95	Montgomery, Orange " "
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	230	75	8	29	...	5	504	33	32	50	2	350	1,162 69	5,776 14	Newburgh, Orange " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	100	4	1	2	...	2	154	6	....	.....	1	200	147	1,000	New Hurley, Ulster " "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	80	4	5	2	...	2	127	2	....	.....	1	.....	41 94	.....	Pine Bush, Ulster " "
North Branch	Vacant	44	...	...	...	...	...	81	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	North Branch, Sull. " "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	100	16	2	2	...	4	263	6	5	60	.....	80	152 86	1,182 82	Bruynswick, Ulster " "
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker	80	20	...	5	1	2	195	8	2	75	1	125	450	1,800	Walden, Orange " "
Wallkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	60	20	6	1	1	3	102	12	7	15	1	80	96 78	1,261 04	Shawangunk, Ulster " "
Walpack, (Upper)*	Gilbert S. Garretson	68	4	3	1	...	...	145	1	....	80	3	135	.....	.....	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.
Walpack, (Lower)	John F. Shaw	90	1	1	1	...	4	174	3	....	...	2	120	45	1558	Bushkill, Monroe " "
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	104	14	1	5	...	3	152	2	9	.....	3	160	140 45	1,600	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N.Y.
	Total	2053	358	50	70	3	58	3995	160	129	767	26	2990	5,565 74	$24,870 02	

Ministers without Charge.—S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghampton, N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Monroe Co., Pa. Rev. William E Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	15	17	9	...	6	462	7	7	.....	1	250	$3,027 66	$4,244 18	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	137	8	8	4	...	8	286	5	2	100	1	180	2,489 50	12,374 47	" "
Fishkill	A. Anderson	95	16	3	1	...	5	174	1	10	....	1	121	491 41	2,128 88	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	121	31	2	11	1	7	279	3	18	50	5	175	875 98	1,459 74	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	2	...	...	2	1	149	1	1	40	5	235	278 09	1,213	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	14	...	...	...	4	296	7	3	100	1	100	409 33	.....	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	190	14	1	4	...	3	225	4	3	.....	1	175	621 17	3,010 90	Fishkill on Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	75	7	...	4	...	2	154	3	2	25	1	70	65 71	1,200	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	I. C. Vandeventer	69	2	5	4	...	2	66	1	4	.....	2	281	178 76	1,664 80	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	80	4	2	1	...	1	51	....	1	...	1	65	.....	675	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	74	5	...	9	..	1	112	4	6	.....	3	140	460 46	2,000	Millbrook, "
	Total	1161	118	33	47	3	35	2254	36	57	315	22	1693	$7,898 16	$29,964 97	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, (in charge of Mission Chapel of First Church Brooklyn), 268 Dean st., Brooklyn. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	42	6	...	...	...	2	62	1	4	...	1	75	$388 54	$1,986 98	Bronxville, N. Y.	
Courtlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	60	7	5	...	...	3	67	2	1	68	1	93	16	1,150	Montrose, "	
Fordham	Vacant	48	4	...	...	1	...	68	1	1	.....	1	84	.....	1,576	Fordham, "	City
Greenburg	Vacant	20	...	...	2	...	3	25	1	...	.....	1	30	.....	650	Hartsdale, "	
Greenville	Richard L. Schoonmaker	40	4	...	...	...	...	66	2	1	.....	1	60	...	1,200	Scarsdale, "	
Hastings	Thos. R. G. Peck	76	21	3	3	...	...	180	...	6	.	2	180	908 69	3,340 20	Hastings-on-Hudson, "	
Melrose	J. E. Lang, P E	45	28	2	...	...	...	150	6	1	26	1	220	.....	1,004 56	Morrisania, "	City
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s.c)	129	11	20	5	...	...	214	17	2	170	1	237	518 72	4,642 48	Mount Vernon, "	
Peekskill	Isaac L. Kip	70	9	1	2	...	1	126	2	4	79	1	112	160 74	3,750 28	Peekskill, "	
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	110	6	6	4	...	3	234	3	3	.....	1	164	1,024 94	4,586 88	North Tarrytown, "	
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	22	7	21	...	2	305	2	11	65	1	100	586 31	9,194 16	Tarrytown, "	
Unionville	Vacant	34	..	.	1	...	...	54	...	..	18	1	45	84 15	775	Neperan, "	
West Farms	John Simonson	48	6	3	2	...	...	69	7	2	42	1	107	174 43	971	West Farms, "	City
Yonkers	David Cole	118	24	9	5	...	8	299	19	6	212	1	377	1,389 20	15,881 84	Yonkers, "	
	Total	890	148	56	85	1	22	1914	68	42	690	15	1884	$5,149 72	$50,958 88		

Ministers without Charge.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. Francis Bagley, New Brighton, S. I. William W. Rand, 150 Nassau st., N. Y. George Windemuth, High Bridge, N. Y. City. William Brush, 128 Monmouth st., Newark, N. J. Laurance H. Van Dyck, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR 1876.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of Sabbath Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total No. of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
Classis of Arcot	18	8	..	586	82	76	778	178	96	167	..	2460	₹1236-4-10	₹367-11-3	John Scudder,
Classis of Hudson	10	18	..	1109	212	81	1921	59	84	376	17	1555	$4,333 28	$18,676 19	John Mc C. Holmes,
Classis of Kingston	13	11	..	1331	164	86	2147	79	68	575	28	2158	2,426 12	24,808 72	Philip Peltz,
North Classis of Long Island	19	28	..	1904	187	78	3128	318	86	680	24	4877	5,299 65	57,178 82	Wm. H. Ten Eyck,
South Classis of Long Island	14	26	..	1798	262	118	3600	255	55	1177	21	4516	30,022 82	81,109 34	David S. Sutphen,
Classis of New York	22	31	..	9497	408	140	6254	333	72	2284	29	7201	49,179 47	48,307 21	Talbot W. Chambers,
Classis of Orange	25	23	..	2053	358	50	3995	160	122	767	26	2990	5,565 74	24,870 02	Edward W. Bentley,
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	15	..	1161	118	38	2254	96	57	815	22	1682	7,398 16	29,964 97	A. P. Van Giesen,
Classis of Westchester	14	17	2	890	148	56	1914	68	42	680	15	1884	5,149 72	50,958 88	Mancius H. Hutton
Total	150	167	2	18299	1957	618	25981	1478	684	6921	182	28828	$109,494 91	$380,864 10	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported on each of the Books of Minutes of the several Classes as follows, and the reports were accepted and adopted:

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson, respectfully report that they find the records well kept and nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston would report, that they are found to be in good order, containing nothing claiming the attention of Particular Synod, except the negative answers by four of the Churches to the question of preaching on the Catechism, and that Classis be directed to censure said Churches.

WM. E. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee appointed to examine the records of the North Classis of Long Island, report that they find the Minutes neatly and correctly kept. We find that the question relating to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism was answered negatively by seven Churches, but that no notice was taken by Classis of this neglect of a plain Constitutional requirement. We therefore recommend that the Classis be censured for their failure to reprove these delinquent Churches.

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee appointed on the Minutes of South Classis of Long Island, would report that they find the Minutes well kept, with this exception, viz.: that we can find no record of the Installation services of Rev. U.D. Gulick, Wm. J. Hill, H. R. Dickson, and H. A. Friedel.

SAMUEL J. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee on the Classis of New York would report that they have examined the Minutes, and find them correctly kept and in good order.

A. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—The Committee on the Records of Classis of Orange have examined them and find them correct and well kept.

J. A. HARPER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report that they find them correctly kept.

C. E. LASHER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester has done so, and respectfully report to have found them in excellent order.

J. W. GEYER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report:

That they have examined the matters referred to them with care with the following result:

1. They have had placed in their hands a communication from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick, in relation to their transfer from the Classis of New York to the North Classis of Long Island. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That at their own request, and having the approval of the Classis of New York, the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bushwick, be and hereby is transferred from the Classis of New York to the North Classis of Long Island.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk notify said Church and the North Classis of Long Island of this action.

2. Your Committee have considered the resolution referred to them concerning the reorganization of the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick. Your Committee would suggest, that this subject was presented to the General Synod of 1875, by an overture from the Classis of Ulster, which, with other papers on the same subject were considered by the Committee on the Professorate, who presented an able report on the subject, which was referred to the General Synod of this year, and that none of our Classes have called our attention to this matter at the present time. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod take no action on the subject at the present sitting

3. Your Committee have considered the Overture from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, in relation to a "larger liberty in the use of Psalms and Hymns in public worship, than is at present allowed." We think that our Church has heretofore and ought hereafter, very carefully to guard this part of the worship of the Sanctuary. It is very desirable that there should be uniformity in our Churches in the Sabbath services in the Psalms and Hymns that are used. It is probable that great liberty has been taken by individual Churches in the use of Hymns in the Sabbath-school, Lecture rooms and prayer meetings that have not had the approval of the General Synod. The General Synod has made large provision in Books of Song for the use of the Church; and probably overtures like the one we are considering, proceed not so much from objections to our Psalms and Hymns as to the music to which they are set. If the music is not adapted to the general wants of our Churches, that might be remedied without enlarging the number of the Books now in use. But if these must be increased the General Synod might approve one or more of the books of praise which have commended themselves to Evangelical Churches.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Overture from the Classis of Poughkeepsie with the foregoing portion of this report on this subject be referred to the General Synod.

Very respectfully submitted,

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Chairman.*
JAS. DEMAREST, JR.
WALTER BRETT,
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.,
WM. B. MERRITT.

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations, finding the term of service expired of Rev. C. L. Wells, from South Classis of Long Island, and Elder S. B Schieffelin, elected last year to fill the unexpired term of Elder Jonathan Sturges, deceased, from Classis of New York, reported a double number of names from which to nominate persons to fill the vacancies thus occurring in the Board of Superintendents

of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. A vote by ballot was taken, which resulted in the nomination to that Board for the next four years, subject to confirmation by General Synod, of Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., from the Classis of Arcot, and Elder Theodore L. Mason, M.D., from the South Classis of Long Island.

Your Committee would also present as Preacher on the second evening of the next regular session of Synod, Rev. James Demarest, Jr., *Secundus*, Rev. A. J. Sebring. Subject of the Sermon, The Practical Aspects of Infant Baptism.

JOHN McC. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the Tuesday afternoon session, after the organization, was occupied in devotional services under the lead of the President. The first hour of the Wednesday morning session was also spent in the same exercises. The Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., appointed to preach before Synod on the subject of Justification by Faith, was prevented attending to this duty by ill health.

The second evening of the session was therefore occupied by an Evangelistic service, in which the Adsessor of Synod, Rev. Dr. Carroll presided and made an address. Addresses were also made by Rev. David Cole, Rev. A. J. Sebring and Rev. Wm. B. Merritt. This service, as well as the sermon before Synod was very largely attended, the audience being composed of members of all the Evangelical Churches of the village.

The following action was taken upon the subject named:

Resolved, That much interest would be added to the meetings of this Synod, and much advantage would accrue to the benevolent work of our Church, if the Secretaries of the various Benevolent Boards would attend, and present before Synod and the public a statement of the condition, the prospects, and the claims of the several interests which they represent.

Resolved, That this Synod take order for the holding of such a session in the regular course of its proceedings from year to year, and the Secretaries be urgently requested to give us the benefit of their presence and their words of counsel.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Book of Minutes of the old Classis of Hackensack, after which he had been directed to inquire, had been deposited among the books collected at the Gardner A. Sage Library, and that he had given an order for the same to Rev. Charles H. Pool, Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The usual number of the Minutes of this session of Synod was ordered printed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be cordially given to the Pastor and Consistory of the Reformed Church of Port Jervis, for the accommodation afforded in connection with our meeting, and to the families who have so kindly and courteously entertained the members of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account, which was referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1875	Dr.	
July 2	To Cash paid Rev. Philip Peltz, President Board of Superintendents, for traveling expenses, &c.....	$10 54
Aug. 17	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1875, 45 copies.....	124 05
Sept. 21	Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for doorkeeper's bill May 5th, 1875.....	3
Oct. 6	Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as	
1876	Stated Clerk to May, 1876	50
May 1	Cash Balance due Synod to new account.....	145 93
		$333 52
	Cr.	
1875		
May 4	By Cash Balance from old account.....	$333 52
		$333 52

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's account, with the vouchers, and find them correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and forty-five dollars and ninty-three cents ($145 93).

A. J. SEBRING, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From the Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M.D.
" Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

From Classis of Hudson

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. J. Sebring,
" John McC. Holmes, D.D.,
" T. S. Dusenberre,

Elder E. L. De[illegible]marest,
" Allen Ro[illegible]sman,
" Stephen H[illegible]. Shutts.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John B. Church,	Elder J. M. Strevor,
" D. B. Wyckoff,	" A. Piester,
" P. Van Wyck,	" W. W. Raynor.

From Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. N. Todd,	Elder William Smith,
" Philip Peltz, D.D.,	" Ira Deyo,
" Augustus Blauvelt, D.D.,	" Hon. T. R. Westbrook

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Furguson Harris,	Elder Garret Newkirk,
" M. F. Liebenau,	" Andrew B. Snyder,
" Victor M. Hulbert, D.D.,	" Severyn Hasbrouck.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Minor Swick,	Elder Elisha West,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" Abraham Nafis,
" Elbert S. Porter, D.D.,	" Hugo Funke.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Geo. R. Garretson,	Elder A. P. Northrop,
" John M. Wagner,	" John W. Paynter,
" M. L. Haines,	" F. A. Lancashire.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. P. Stockwell,	Elder Hon. John A. Lott,
" David Inglis, D.D., LL.D.,	" Theo. L. Mason, M.D.,
" John A. Lansing, D.D.,	" Theo. Sturges.

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. G. Strong,	Elder Isaac E. Bergen,
" Alex. Shaw,	" O. O. Shackelton,
" H. V. S. Myers,	" L. D. Simons.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Forsyth, D.D.,	Elder W. Bogardus,
" Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.,	" James Anderson, M.D.,
" Mancius S. Hutton, D.D.,	" Sam'l B. Schieffelin,
" William Ormiston, D.D.,	Hon. D. P. Ingraham.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, D.D.,	Elder W. Wood,
" J. M. Ludlow, D.D.,	" A. C. Wood,
" James Brownlee, D. D.,	" Jas. Wood,
" Hasbrouck Du Bois,	" H. P. Allen.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. W. H. Gleason,	Elder Clark Decker,
" Wm. E. Turner,	" Thomas Jessup,
" R. H. Beattie,	" Jacob Tears,
" John DuBois,	" John G. Gray,
" John T. Demarest, D.D.,	" Henry Bergen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. L. L. Comfort,	Elder John Lyon,
" A. F. Todd,	" D. W. Rapelje,
" J. A. Staats,	" Peter Eager,
" P. B. Crolius,	" Thomas Still,
" S. W. Mills, D.D.,	" Matt. Jansen.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Graham Taylor,	Elder Edmund Luyster,
" Henry Dater,	" Evart G. Van Wagner,
" Henry N. Cobb,	" E. L. Beadle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.,	Elder A. M. Trowbridge,
" Alonzo P. Peeke,	" J. Henry Mathews,
" Chas. W. Fritts,	" Sidney Schofield.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John Knox Allen,	Elder Jacob Storm,
" Francis Bagley,	" J. Henry Pooley, M.D.,
" William Brush,	" Gabriel P. Reeves, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Simonson,	Elder John W. Clark,
" David Cole, D.D.,	" Wm. J. Valentine,
" John A. Todd, D.D.,	" Ebenezer M. Newman.

ARTICLE XXII.

DELEGATES TO OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

None were appointed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Particular Synod of New York adjourned to meet, at its next regular Annual Session, in the Reformed Church of Yonkers, on the first Tuesday of May, A. D., 1877, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned with prayer by the Adsessor.

DAVID INGLIS, *President.*
J. HALSTED CARROLL, *Adsessor.*

WM. B. MERRITT,
A. P. STOCKWELL, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ANSON, DuBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

Particular Synod of New York.

THE Particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session at the Reformed Church of Yonkers, N. Y., on Tuesday, the First day of May, A. D., 1877, at three o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at ten o'clock P. M. of the second day.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. Halsted Carroll, D.D., Adsessor of the last Synod, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the same day, from Nehemiah 6. 3: "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. De Witt B. Wyckoff, Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elders.*—Robert Ham, Peter Sagengorph.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. W. A. Todd, Ph. Peltz, D.D., J. Ferguson Harris, M. F. Leibenau. *Elder.*—Lambert Jenkins.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. H. P. Craig, Oliver E. Cobb, William Ferris. *Elders.*—Daniel V. Weeks, Thomas S. Shepard.

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Henry V. S. Myers. *Elders.*—J. Remsen Bennet, Isaac E. Bergen, Jacobus Voorhees.

Classis of New York.—Revs. John Forsyth, D.D., Mancius S.

Hutton, D.D., Julius W. Geyer, G. S. Plumley. *Elders.*—Horatio P. Allen, James Wood.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. Edward W. Bentley, J. Halsted Carroll, D.D., John F. Shaw, Augustus F. Todd. *Elders.*—Peter Eager. William Crowell.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Alonzo P. Peeke, Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., John C. Van Deventer. *Elders.*—Sidney Schofield, Abram Varick.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. Mancius H. Hutton, John Hitchins, James H. Hoyt, Howard Harris. *Elders.*—Daniel Odell, Marshall H. Clement.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D. was chosen *President.* Rev. Edward W. Bentley was chosen *Adsessor*, and Rev. Henry V. S. Myers, and Rev. John F. Shaw, *Temporary Clerks.*

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Van Benschoten were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. A P. Peeke, M. H. Hutton, A. F. Todd. *Elders.*—Marshall H. Clement, William Crowell.

ON CLASSICAL MINTUES.

For Classis of Hudson.—Rev. J. F. Harris. *Elder.*—James Wood.

For Classis of Kingston.—Rev. H. P. Craig. *Elder.*—D. W. Weeks.

For North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elder.*—James Stewart.

For South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. J. C. Van Deventer. *Elder.*—J. R. Bennet.

For Classis of New York.—Rev. DeWitt B. Wyckoff. *Elder.*—Peter Sagendorph,

For Classis of Orange.—Rev. M. F. Leibenau. *Elder.*—Nathan Van Wagenen.

For Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. J. H. Carroll. *Elder.*—Robert Ham.

For Classis of Westchester.—Rev. J. W. Geyer. *Elder.*—Daniel Odell.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. John A. Lansing, D. B. Wyckoff, Philip Peltz. *Elders.*—Lambert Jenkins, Isaac E. Bergen.

On the Questorate.—Revs. A. F. Todd, John Hitchins, J. H. Hoyt. *Elders.*—James Stewart, Jacobus Voorhees.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. John Forsyth, M. S. Hutton, A. P. Peeke. *Elders.*—H. P. Allen, James Wood.

On Nominations.—Revs. M. H. Hutton, G. S. Plumley, Howard Harris. *Elders.*—Sidney Schofield, Peter Eager,

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. John M. Ferris. certifying the appointment of Rev. C. L. Wells and Rev. William R. Duryee, D.D., as Delegates from the Board of Foreign Missions to present to Synod the interests of that Board. Letters were also received from Rev. Dr. See, Corresponding Secretary Board of Education, and Rev. Dr. West, Corresponding Secretary Board of Domestic Missions, in relation to the presentation of the work of our Boards before Synod, as provided for by action taken in 1876. Synod appointed the Order of the Day for 10:30 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, for hearing these Brethren.

An appeal from Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, D.D., from the action of the Classis of Kingston was received, and the action of that Classis in reference to the same, and were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report as follows: There is nothing in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, Albany or Chicago, which demand notice from this Synod.

They have examined the Minutes of General Synod at the session of June, 1876, and find the following references only with which the Synod is concerned.

1*st.* [Min. Gen. Syn. p. 454]. A glaring discrepancy between the Statistical Table of 1875 and 1876, in the ratio of loss and gain, as shown by the footings of the columns of the census and communicants respectively, indicates that the columns are not correctly added up. The General Synod desires that the attention of the Particular Synods and their Stated Clerks be called to this matter. In accordance therewith, your Committee recommend that the Stated Clerk of this Synod be requested to note the above request.

2*d*. [Min. Gen. Syn. pp. 494–5]. Attention is called to the fact that this Particular Synod last year censured but two of its Classes for failing to give affirmative answers to the 2d of the Constitutional Questions. General Synod accounts for this apparent negligence from the fact that the several Committees on Classical Minutes failed to notice and report on the answers to the Constitutional Inquiries. The Committee of General Synod thereupon recommended that it be enjoined upon the Particular Synods to give special attention to the Classical Records, and that they censure those Classes when there is an evident neglect or refusal to preach upon the Heidelberg Catechism, according to the constitutional requirement.

Supposing that the details of this matter will be attended to in the reports of the several Committees of this Synod upon the Classical Minutes, your Committee content themselves with calling attention to the above injunction of General Synod.

3*d*. [Min. Gen. Syn. p. 569]. The General Synod offers the Particular Synods a place for depositing old records and other important documents, in Sage Library building, and General Synod's fire-proof room.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the attention of the Stated Clerk be called to this offer of General Synod, and that he hereby is authorized so to deposit such records and documents, as in his judgment may seem proper. But in case he sees fit to avail himself of this offer, he shall, in every case, report to this Synod, and enter upon its Minutes the fact of such deposit, in order that due trace of such documents shall not be lost.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. PEEK,
MANCIUS H. HUTTON, } *Com. Syn. Min.*

Yonkers, N. Y., May 2d, 1877.

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick of the year 1876, were laid upon the table of Synod. They were referred to the Committee on

Synodical Minutes. No delegates from other Particular Synods appeared, and none were appointed to other Synods.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following Report on the State of Religion which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Classical Reports and State of Religion beg leave to present to the Synod, that the reports from the Classes are very full and particular; the state of the individual Churches is set forth so definitely that a very complete history of all of them for the past year is given in the statements appended. Your Committee have but to summarise these in as few words as possible.

The year seems to have been marked by delightful peace in the Churches, attended with the regular progress of church work. If we seek to be more specific in stating results, it appears that there has been a revived spirit in many of the Churches. In some of them extended manifestations of Divine grace have been seen. From scores of Churches the reports speak of what the Lord has done in establishing and reviving His work, also of the conversion of many souls.

The work of religious benevolence has been prosecuted under the difficulties inseparable from the general financial condition of the country. No special benevolent enterprises have been undertaken, which would have attested the willingness of the people and their ability to succeed in the great work given them to do.

A comparison of results shows that there are reported 25,899 communicants; of whom 1,701 have been received during the past year on confession of faith. The additions on confession last year were 1,957, and the reputed aggregate 25,981, showing a slight net loss of 82.

The aggregate reported contributions to Benevolent purposes amount to $96,390 95. The gifts for the previous year were $109,421 91, a net decrease of more than $13,000, more than 12

per cent. of the gifts for 1875-6. In calling attention to this fact the Committee sees great reason for increased effort on the part of Synod, Classes and Churches. It is hard work for some Churches to maintain a *system* of religious contribution. The work grows more difficult year by year. It is to be feared, however, that the excuse of "hard times" lies too ready at hand. It cripples many attempts. It ought to be left for the result of most persistent effort to show that the decrease in gifts need be so large as reported.

The Ministry have remained in their fields of labor with somewhat more than usual permanence. This we hail as an encouraging sign in the financial difficulties which press upon not a few Churches. We would here record our sorrow at the sad loss of the Church, in the removal by death of Rev. H. R. Dickson, of South Classis of Long Island, and Rev. Dr. Joseph Scudder, of Classis of Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

To the 18 Churches in this Classis, 2 have been added during the past year, so that now the total is 20. A goodly number have been received in these Churches on confession of their faith, so that we cannot complain that the Word of God is without effect among us. Adults and children are instructed in the doctrines of Divine truth, the Heidelberg Catechism is explained, and we notice with pleasure a growth in scriptural knowledge in most of our Churches.

Sabbath-breaking is the cause of an increase of the cases of church discipline among our people. The famine is sore upon the land. The poor are badly off. Temptation to work on the Sabbath as well as on week-days is very great. Heathen neighbors of course do not regard the day. But that which gives so much strength to the temptation is the example of the foreigner and the invitation to come and work given by government. No wonder that many yield.

Though we are not without evidence to show that the Lord is amongst us and with us, we earnestly long and pray for an abundant outpouring of His Spirit, that the child of God may be revived, the unconverted awakened, the erring one brought back.

Perhaps God in His mercy is preparing us and our people to receive such a blessing; perhaps he is teaching us and them through this famine to feel our need of spiritual things. We believe that God is ready to come to us to supply our every want; but we must feel our need of Him, that He is willing to grant us His blessing; but we must be ready to receive.

Will not the Church in America and those congregations in particular who have lately been or are at present enjoying special seasons of awakening and of revival, pray that we in India too may be thus blessed?

E. J. HEEREN, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion have the pleasure of announcing to Classis that they are able to present a very favorable report. Although there has been no extensive work of grace in any of the Churches, we find that some have had their membership quite largely increased. Not one has been obliged to come before us in sadness asking, "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" All have cause for gratitude. All are looking forward in hope. Some speak of the stringency of the times, yet we notice with pleasure that a number of our churches are as regards benevolence in advance of their last year's contributions. Nothing is said to lead us to suppose otherwise than that peace and harmony exists between pastors and people. Our Churches have reason to thank God and take courage.

The *Church of Hudson* "accompanies its annual salutation to Classis with expressions of devout gratitude to God. There has been an almost constant display of His Divine might, and twenty-five from among the impenitent have during the year been hopefully converted to Christ. As a whole the year has been one of prosperity and success.

The *First Church of Claverack* too, finds cause for thankfulness to God. Special mention is made of the attendance upon the Sabbath evening service and of the increased benevolence of the people.

The *Second Church of Claverack* reports that "The attendance upon the services of the Church has been uniformly good. The weekly prayer meetings have been maintained throughout the

year. Our Sabbath-school has been rather an improvement upon former years.

The *Church of Linlithgo* "continues to 'wait on the Lord' with confidence in His promise that His 'Word shall not return unto Him void.' There are some hopeful signs that the work of the Lord will yet 'appear unto His servants.'"

The *Church of Greenport* comes before Classis acknowledging her obligations to Almighty God for His continued goodness in these words, "Though not as prosperous as the year just preceding, yet more than an average degree has been accorded us by the Master."

The *Church of Germantown* addresses us with a heart full of gladness in this wise, "We have reason to praise the Lord and bless His Holy name, for He hath dealt favorably with us. There has been scarcely any portion of the year when we could not realize the presence of the Spirit among us. We enjoy peace and harmony as the year closes. The spirit of improvement seems to be reviving."

The *Church of Upper Red Hook* having passed through a season of trial thus addresses Classis: "We have been sorely bereaved by the death of our beloved pastor, and the Church lament their great loss. The spiritual condition of the Church is hopeful and encouraging. Her temporal interests are prosperous. The people united and harmonious." They have had a pleasant surprise in the gift of a "very fine organ by Mr. Edward Martin, a fellow citizen and friend of the Church."

The *Church of Taghkanic* says, "One year ago we were hoping, praying and expecting great things, but for some cause the blessing tarried. We are waiting and trusting yet. The stated means of grace are well attended, and good attention is given to the expounding of the Word. Seven have been received on confession. The same abiding interest reported in former years continues in the Sabbath-school." The prayers of Classis are asked in their behalf, that their expectations may be realized.

The *Church of Gallatin* with a thankful heart is rejoicing in her prosperity. God has been very gracious to them, and a goodly number have identified themselves with the Church. "There is manifest a good degree of brotherly love, and an increased interest in the Lord's work is apparent. We are glad to report our Church free from debt.

The *Livingston Church of Linlithgo* this year sends a report saying, "That the attendance on public worship the past year has been as good as usual. The Gospel has been faithfully preached, and we hope impressions have been made on some minds which may result in their salvation."

The only change among the Ministry of the Classis, is that, to which we all recur with sincere regret, viz: The departure from us of our beloved brother, Rev. J. Scudder, D.D., of Upper Red Hook. Our regret, however, is for ourselves. For in his departure we have witnessed another instance of that "going to be with Christ," which is far better than remaining here.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. VAN WYCK.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion, on examining the reports from the different Churches of the Classis, find in them great cause for renewed thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church.

Some of the Churches have experienced times of refreshing, and large numbers have been added to their communion. Others speak encouragingly of their spiritual condition, and have reason to hope for brighter days.

It is to be lamented that there has been so great a falling off in the benevolent contributions of so many of the Churches. The "hard times" doubtless have had much to do with this, but we feel that the greatest care should be taken that, in earnest endeavors to meet the demand to economize, we do not practice too rigid an economy with reference to the benevolent operations of the Church, and thereby hinder the progress of the Gospel and bring spiritual leanness upon our own souls.

The following extracts are presented from the reports received from the Churches:

The Church of the Clove reports: "The quickening power of God has been with us through the year to such an extent that converts have been gathered into the Church at each of our six communion seasons, as many having been added during the summer as in the winter." The Sabbath-schools have been largely increased in the number of scholars, and are in a healthy and prosperous state.

The Church of Guilford says "the Word and ordinances have been regularly administered, and Biblical instruction statedly imparted to children and youth. Ordinarily a good attention has been shown to the means of grace, yet very few, we have abundant reason to fear, have realized their importance or felt their power."

The Church of Hurley mentions a good attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, and much interest in Sabbath-school work. "The prayer-meetings are well sustained, and it is encouraging to note that the younger part of the congregation are manifesting a growing interest in the Sabbath evening prayer meetings and in the week evening service as well."

The Second Church of Kingston tells us, "There has been a pleasant religious feeling and some indications of the Spirit's presence. But we are not able to report any great awakening, or any unusual earnestness on the part of God's people."

The Church of Krumville informs us, "A series of religious meetings was commenced in our church on or about the 1st of November, and continued up to January 1st. A deep feeling of concernment in regard to the momentous interests of eternity seemed to pervade the mind of saint and sinner. The Lord truly has been with us. The dark waters of sin have boen troubled, and nineteen souls, we humbly trust, have fled out of the City of Destruction, and made good their escape to the City of Refuge, laying hold on eternal life."

The Church of Lyonsville was organized by a committee of Classis in November last, having previously been a part of the Church of Marbletown. The Rev. Paul T. Deyo has been installed Pastor, and is now serving this Church in connection with the Church of Krumville. The report mentions a series of meetings having been begun about the 1st of January. "Night after night, our church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Deep emotions seemed to fill every heart, numbers nightly yielded to the Spirit's influences, and fled to the refuge held out to them, and ere the meetings closed sixty-eight professed to have found the Saviour precious, and have since been received into the communion of the Church. Four others have recently joined our communion, making seventy-two in all, as the result of God's blessing upon the series of meetings."

The Church of Marbletown reports, "In the main, piety seems depening among the professors of religion. The preached Word is

listened to with increased attention, furnishing indications full of hope for a larger blessing." The report mentions that the Pastor has ceased his labors at Lyonsville, and that sixty-one members of Church of Marbletown residing in the Lyonsville neighborhood have been "dismissed to form the nucleus of a new and independent church organization at Lyonsville."

The North Church of Marbletown, after having been without regular services for five months, has, since 1st of October last, had, as Stated Supply, the services of Rev. V. M. Hulbert, D.D., the Pastor of the Church of Marbletown. The report says: "During this period the general attendance upon public worship has been good, and the religious interest manifested by the people such as to inspire the hope of an increased spiritual prosperity. Three heads of families have united with the Church on confession of faith, and others appear to be inquiring the way."

The Church of New Paltz reports "That during the past year we have not failed to receive goodness and blessing from our Lord. The Church has enjoyed the means of grace in peace and quietness. The various calls to Christian duty have been received and responded to with some degree of interest. * * * The different forms of Christian work have been maintained with about the usual results, considering the unfavorable condition of affairs for gifts of money."

The Church of Rochester informs us "that the year past has been marked with the continued care and goodness of God. * * We are still without an under shepherd to break unto us the bread of eternal life. With a very few exceptions, the doors of the sanctuary have been opened every Sabbath for preaching or prayer-meeting. Our prayers have been and still are that God will send us a Pastor after His own choosing. The Sabbath schools within the bounds of the congregation have been marked with greater interest than usual, especially the one in the church, in which there has been three conversions."

The Church of Bloomingdale tells us "That while we are never without reason for gratitude to God, yet we have especial reason to be thankful for a work of grace, and the refreshing influences of His Holy Spirit which He has shed on us."

The Church of Dashville Falls reports, "During the past year many have been gathered into the fold of the Redeemer, one entire class of twelve having been brought to the feet of Jesus, and claim to have found the Saviour."

The Church of Rosendale says, "We are not left without an evidence that God is with us by His Holy Spirit. A goodly number have been converted and united with the Church."

The Church of St. Remy informs us that "Several during the past winter have sought the Saviour and found peace in God. We have reason to believe that others are deeply interested in their souls' welfare."

Ministerial changes.—The pastoral relation between Rev. M. F. Liebenau and the Church of Rosendale has been dissolved.

It is with feelings of deepest regret that we are compelled to add that Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, D.D., has been suspended from the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following as the result of their examination of the reports received from the several Churches of the Classis:

During the year three Churches have been added to the roll—those of Bushwick, of Jericho, and the German Evangelical St. Paul's, of Jamaica.

There appears to have been no marked revival interest among the Churches, and yet, in a large majority of the reports, there are figures and statements which indicate a vigorous church life and a good degree of interest in spiritual things.

In some cases, discouraging facts are mentioned, yet in the reports generally there is more of sunshine than of shadow.

Despite the financial depression, the contributions for congregational purposes have been enlarged, and several Churches, such as those of North Hempstead, Greenpoint, Queens, and the German Evangelical St. Peter's, of Brooklyn, show a decided increase in this column of their tabular statements.

The statistical tables indicate a considerable increase also in the number of families enrolled, and the additions to the Churches on confession of faith are some twenty per cent. greater than they were last year.

It should be added, however, that the total number received by certificate is somewhat less than the year before, and the contributions for religious and benevolent purposes have not, as a rule,

shared in the upward movement which marks those for congregational purposes.

Your Committee find in the reports many things which evidence the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and which call for devout gratitude and afford ground for encouragement for future efforts.

The review of the reports of the Churches gives us the following results:

From the Churches of Jamaica, Oyster Bay, First Reformed, Long Island City, Jericho, and Bushwick, nothing has been received except the tabular statements.

It is a cause of congratulation that the vacancy in the Church of Jamaica, caused by the removal of Rev. J. G. Vanslyke to the Classis of Ulster, is so soon to be filled.

The tables show that a very encouraging measure of success has attended the work in the Church of Bushwick, under its new Pastor, Rev. H. A. Powell.

The *Church of Newtown* has been richly blessed. The Consistory say: "We have abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving. * * * We have to record that He, the gracious Leader and Enlightener, has brought a number to the joyful experience of the truth—Jesus, the friend of sinners, is mighty to save. * * * One new Sabbath-school has been organized, which gives token of much efficient work for the Master."

The *Church of North Hempstead* reports: "The past year has not been without its discouragements and encouragements. * * * The utmost harmony prevails, and all the services have been well attended. During the year a Sunday-school room has been built, costing $2,000, and has been paid for.

The *Church of Williamsburgh* sends no report.

The *Church of Astoria* reports a year of goodly prosperity, as evidenced by the attendance upon its services, the increased amount of the benevolent contributions, and the additions to its communion on confession of faith.

The *Church of Flushing* reports that it has suffered somewhat seriously from the financial depression, but still has been blessed spiritually. "There has been a marked increase in the weekly meetings, and the Sabbath-school was never more flourishing."

The *Church of Greenpoint* reports that its Sabbath congregations have been large, and its prayer-meetings uniformly well attended.

The Sunday-school, with its seventy-three officers and teachers, has lost none of its efficiency, "and," the Consistory add, "we anticipate that we shall soon be able to erect a new building, which shall be better adapted to its wants and permissive of its growth." During the year the congregation, with great willingness and liberality, has lifted the debt from its house of worship, a mortgage of twelve thousand five hundred dollars ($12,500) having been paid.

The *Church of South Bushwick* reports that harmony and a good degree of interest in spiritual matters exists among its members. The attendance at the Sabbath services and prayer-meetings is gradually increasing, and the Sabbath-school has grown to the limit of its accommodations.

The general tone of the report of Second Astoria is hopeful. Peace and harmony reign. This Church, like several others in the Classis, feels greatly the financial depression of the times. "We cannot report large numbers converted during a certain number of weeks of the year, but we can report with pleasure that His Word is preached so that the work of grace goes on gradually. * * * We would ask Classis to remember our Church before the Throne of Grace."

The Consistory of East Williamsburgh report that the services are attended by about the same number, with about the same amount of interest as reported last year. "Our Pastor has labored faithfully on the Sabbath, in the weekly prayer-meeting, and in pastoral visitation."

The *Second Church of Newtown* is laboring under some discouragement, arising from the poverty of its members, but a spirit of love and harmony prevails among them, and the congregation has increased during the year. Through help extended by the Classis and by the Board of Domestic Missions, the mortgage upon the church has been paid.

Queens reports that all its services are well sustained. The Young People's Meeting has an average attendance of more than fifty, and the prospects for the success of future work are bright.

The *German Evangelical St. Peter's*, of Brooklyn, rejoices in the evidence it has of the presence of the Lord. The report states: "We have, with God's help, been able to meet our pecuniary obligations and lay a little by for our church building fund. * * * We will, before long, be compelled to build. * * * The Sunday-schools, both German and English, are in a prosperous condition."

Sayville has been struggling with two difficulties—poverty in its membership, and heresies in the community; and yet harmony and a growing interest have prevailed in the Church. The number of participants at the last communion service was greater than ever before. Two young men have dedicated themselves to the Gospel ministry.

Locust Valley reports as follows: "Spiritually our Church seems to be in a healthy growing condition; temporally the prospect is not so encouraging. With many others, we must say, money is scarce."

The *Church of College Point* says: "Not only in temporals, but in spirituals, God has manifested Himself to us in much love and mercy. We have occasion to rejoice over the calling of a young man to the ministry, who gives promise of usefulness."

The *St. John's Reformed*, of Laurel Hill, has been crippled somewhat in its resources and work, and there is an apparent want of harmony among the people.

The last Church enrolled on the list of Classis, the German Evangelical St. Paul's, of Jamaica, reports an attendance quite encouraging. Harmony prevails, and it is evidently the intention of its members to build up the waste places. A debt, however, weighs heavily upon the church, and unless assistance is secured it is feared that the existing pastoral relation will have to be dissolved.

During the year, the following ministerial changes have taken place:

The Rev. H. A. Powell has been received under the care of the Classis, and has been ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Bushwick.

The Rev. E. S. Fairchild has been installed as Pastor of the Church of College Point.

The Rev. Henry Devries has been received under the care of Classis, and has been ordained and installed Pastor of the Church of Jericho.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. G. Van Slyke and the Church of Jamaica has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

The Rev. Julius Hones has been received from the South Classis of Long Island, and installed Pastor of the German Evangelical St. Paul's Church, of Jamaica.

The pastoral relations of Rev. G. R. Garretson with the First Reformed Church of Long Island City, and the St. John's Reformed Church of Laurel Hill, have been dissolved.

The pastoral relation of Rev. Minor Swick with the Church of Oyster Bay has been dissolved.

Rev. William H. DeHart has been received from the Classis of New York, and arrangements have been made for his installation as Pastor of the Church of Jamaica.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MATT. L. HAINES, *Chairman.*

THE SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND

Reports that, while the descent of heavenly blessing on the Churches under its jurisdiction has been gentle during the year just closing, it has been singularly uniform. Scarcely a Church of our number fails to take the tone of thanksgiving, and in some this rises to an exulting cry of praise. Two new Churches have been organized. These are already supplied with devoted and efficient ministers. Another, after years of relation to another Classis, has, at the direction of the Particular Synod, resumed its proper place. The harmony is universal. None complain of being left unblessed. Increase in fervor of prayer, increase in Christian activity, steadfast harvesting of precious souls, especial ingathering of young men, larger attendance, burdensome debts removed, even in this time of financial pressure, deepening fervor, continued inquiry, in some instances glad and fruitful revival, prosperous Sunday-schools, industrious missions, and in one notable instance the attainment of a second Centennial in abundant prosperity, both temporal and spiritual, make up the record of the year. And yet the light is shadowed. It has pleased God to take from the Church at Brooklyn its faithful minister and our beloved brother and fellow-worker to the Kingdom of God, the Rev. H. R. Dickson. No one among us has been more faithful and devoted to the service of Christ than he, and the call to the higher service found him in the very thickest of an earnest and successful ministry. The solemn warning oppresses all our hearts.

To enter somewhat into detail,

The *Church of Brooklyn* reports that, under the earnest and able presentation of the truth in the Church and in the chapel, on the

Sabbath and at the weekly lecture, and as a result of faithful and assiduous pastoral visitation, an unusual degree of interest has existed in the Church and congregation during the past year. But, alas, it is compelled to report likewise that it has pleased the Heavenly Master to take from it its beloved and faithful minister, who, as the ecclesiastical year was drawing to its close, was called to enter unto the joy of his Lord. A most affecting testimony to his earnest fidelity was given of God in the fact that on the very Lord's Day when his precious dust was carried to its burial, fourteen persons were received from the congregation to Christian fellowship on confession of their faith in Christ, and others are prepared to take their places in the company of believers. An unwonted tenderness exists among the members of the Church and congregation, from which may be expected still further results of good. The services at the *Centennial Chapel* have likewise been crowned with a heavenly blessing, as the ingathered results of every communion season indicate.

The *Church at Flatbush* reports a steady progress in the various departments of Christian activity, especial attention to Sunday-school work, interest in the meetings for prayer and general prosperity. The Church bears special testimony to the faithfulness and Christian zeal with which the mission work of this Church has been conducted with very gratifying and increasing results.

The *Church at New Utrecht* reports, with thanksgiving, the interesting fact that it has reached the two hundredth year of its existence, having been organized A. D. 1677. Also that there have been vouchsafed to it during the year extraordinary tokens of the favor of God. About the commencement of the year, a blessed revival began, the result of which has been the ingathering of forty-four persons, nearly one-third of whom are young men, to the obedience of Christ. All indebtedness on church and parsonage has been fully liquidated, and the Church passes its second Centennial with mingled thanksgiving and hope.

The *Church at Gravesend* reports occasion for courage and thankfulness. A united people co-operate with their minister in every good word and work. The power of the Spirit of God has been felt. Christian activity has increased, especially among the young men, and the Church is thankful and courageous.

The *Church at Flatlands* reports that, especially during the last few months, a blessing has descended on the Church, both at home

and in the services in the Chapel at Flatlands Neck. Special services have been held. The audiences have been large and solemn. A deep and tender interest has been manifest, and a precious harvesting is expected at the next communion season.

The *Church at New Lots*, being at present without a minister, presents only the usual statistical report.

The *Church at East New York* reports a year of profit. The attendance has increased, and some are inquiring what they must do to be saved.

The *South Church of Brooklyn* reports increasing regularity of attendance, and some interest at present in the Sunday-school.

The *Middle Church of Brooklyn* reports a deep earnestness pervading both Sabbath services and prayer meetings, and increasing attendance. The number of accessions is gratifying, and activity is on the increase.

The *Twelfth Street Church of Brooklyn* reports the continued manifestation of the Divine blessing. There has been a large accession of members during the year, and many are still anxious. The attendance is very large, both on the Lord's Day and in the services of prayer. The Sunday-school is very flourishing, and the congregation has been able, by the blessing of God, to reduce materially its debt, and is united, loving, and full of thankfulness and hope.

The *North Church of Brooklyn* reports a year of steadfast growth, a constantly-deepening spirituality, a sure advance in consecration and activity, an increasing attendance, cheerful sacrifice crowned with success in meeting pecuniary obligations, an admirably conducted Sunday-school, and a healthy, hopeful condition.

The *Church on the Heights, Brooklyn*, reports an increasing attendance on Sabbath services and weekly prayer-meetings. The Sunday-schools have been conducted with zeal and success. The interest in the Young People's Prayer-meeting is deepened. The Minister's Bible Classes have been well attended, one of them quite largely, and peace and harmony prevail.

The Mission work in *Bethany Chapel* has been prosecuted with a good measure of success.

The *Church at New Brooklyn* reports a quiet work of grace, an increase in attendance, and gratifying tokens of the presence of God's converting power.

The *Bedford Church, Brooklyn*, has been but newly organized, but by the blessing of God it has succeeded in securing the services of a minister whose known reputation and previous experience give pledge and promise of his coming to it in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.

The *Second Church, Flatbush* (*German*) reports, with thankfulness, a year of quiet blessing. The Ladies' Society is noticed as a faithful and efficient help, and the Sunday-school prospers.

The *Church at Canarsie* reports that the Lord has been with it. Organized during the year, the Church has grown steadily and spiritually. It has a prosperous and increasing Sunday-school, and is taking steps to provide itself with a suitable edifice.

The changes in the ministry during the year are as follows:

The Rev. Henry Robertson Dickson has ceased from his labors, and entered into rest.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. H. Carroll, D.D., and the East Reformed Dutch Church has been dissolved, and the Rev. Dr. Carroll has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

The Rev. Peter E. Kipp has been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, preparatory to his installation as minister of the Bedford Church, Brooklyn.

The Rev. C. Dickhaut has been received from the Presbytery of Nassau, and has been installed minister of the Reformed Dutch Church at Canarsie.

The North Church, Brooklyn, has resumed its place, by direction of the Particular Synod of New York, in this Classis, and its minister, Alexander R. Thompson, D.D., has been received to the Classis from the late South Classis of New York.

The Rev J. H. Hones has been dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island, within whose bounds he has accepted a call.

The Bedford Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Brooklyn has been organized by a committee of this Classis.

The Church at Rockville Centre has been disbanded.

The Rev. A. W. Wyckoff has been received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

ALEX. R. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to present their reports:

In view of the financial trials which have affected not only individuals, but through them have reached the Churches, we have reason to be thankful over the progress that has been made during the year. The general religious interest awakened by the services held last spring, doubtless has shown its results in the reports now presented, and there is a gratifying increase in the number of members added to the Churches. Thus has our Heavenly Father fulfilled his promise that his Word shall not return unto him void, but shall prosper in the thing whereto he sent it. Notwithstanding the hard times, the charities have had an average measure of support; although it must be confessed that in this matter of benevolence the Church has not risen up to her responsibility or to meet the the demands of this stirring, momentous age, when the whole world is opening to the Gospel, and the great family of humanity pleads for light and life. The Collegiate Church reports, "a most gratifying increase in the number of baptisms, both infants and adults, and also of admissions both by confession and by certificate. The Sabbath-schools have been carried on with vigor and most encouraging success. They have been well attended, and many of the additions to the Church have been from the senior classes. The attendance at the Mission Churches has slightly increased and in each of them the work is hopeful. They regret that the attendance at the churches has diminished especially at the second service."

The *South Church* informs us "that the past year has been of harmony and prosperity in the congregation under their care. The services of public worship and social prayer has been regularly maintained, and the mission work in which the Church is engaged has steadily gained in interest and importance. Since January, 1876, ninety-two new members have been added to the membership, the greater part on confession of faith. Quite a number are heads of families. Notice is made of the death of Mrs. Thomas C. Doremus, our oldest living member. Her devoted life is associated with the history of nearly every agency for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom. The Mission among colored people is flourishing, and the Young Men's Benevolent Association continues its efficient work.

Harlem reports another year of peace and prosperity, but no unusual interest has been manifested. The congregations on the Lord's Day are unusually large. The prayer meetings are well attended and sustained. The Sabbath-school never was so large as the present, and is well repaying the means and labor expended upon it."

Bloomingdale says that the Pastor has been afflicted with severe and protracted illness, but hopes soon to resume the full duties of his ministry. The pulpit has bas been continually supplied and the ordinances maintained. The Sabbath-school is kept. No statistics are furnished.

The *Church of Staten Island* reports "a larger addition to membership than has occurred for several years. Eight of them were from advanced classes in the Sabbath-school, greatly aided in this step by the Saturday evening prayer-meeting. The ordinances are well attended and the Sabbath-school prosperous."

Thirty-fourth Street speaks cheerily: "God has been with us the past twelve months markedly. The accession both to our communion and congregation has been large and gratifying, and these are, we trust, an earnest of better and larger things to come. Spiritually, there is a deep and active feeling. This is evidenced in a quickened family life amongst us, and in an increased earnestness in church channels. The Sabbath-school is growing and the devotional meetings are well attended."

Madison Avenue "has been without a pastor since December, 1875. They have had many difficulties to meet, but a number of families devotedly attached to the Church have stood by them, and they report a more encouraging prospect. Rev. Wm. Lloyd has been engaged to supply the pulpit."

The *German Evangelical Mission* shows as usual a steady progress. "In one department they are crowded very much, that is in the Sabbath-school. In benevolence the congregation has done well, especially in the case of its poor. Many of their people out of work, in distress, and want, have drawn heavily upon their treasury."

Richmond reports "Regular services and two Sunday-schools maintained. They are encouraged by three additions on confession."

Mott Haven says "The past year has been one of spiritual growth and financial prosperity. Extra meetings were held in January, and

resulted in much blessing. The attendance at Sabbath-school and church services is rapidly increasing."

The *Huguenots* think "That the regular services are held with increasing interest." It is pleasant to see this little Church is doing its part in benevolence.

The *Fourth German* states "That the attendance on the services has been very regular and steady. Four services are conducted every week. Besides this the catechumens are instructed weekly by the pastor. The Sunday-school holds two sessions, and from it much fruit is expected."

Prospect Hill reports "That the strain of hard times has been painfully felt, and yet the year has been one of comfort and mercy if not of progress. Each month one has risen up to confess the Lord Christ, and the Sunday-school has kept up its numbers, and one-half of those received in confession have come from it."

The "*Holland*" *Church* rejoices that it has been permitted to open its own house of worship on the 28th of September last, and has experienced a greater interest in religion among her own people than ever before. The attendance is twice as large as heretofore. The Gospel is not preached in vain, but there is a close attention to what is said from the sacred desk, and the Church expect a visible working of the Holy Ghost.

Brookfield says: "We have not had on ordained minister or installed pastor for two years, and the Church feels in great need of one, and asks for advice and help."

German Avenue B reports "That two months since, without any extra service being held, a degree of religious interest began to be exhibited which has continued to the present time. The Sabbath-school is well attended and they are looking forward to the settlement of a new pastor with great hope."

Union Church, High Bridge, reports a marked progress in the higher life on the part of the membership of this Church and an increased interest in spiritual matters. The prayer-meetings are well sustained.

Brighton Heights says "There is nothing of special interest relating to the spiritual affairs of the Church."

Union Sixth Avenue reports: "There has been no special revival spirit, but there has been an evident growth in the knowledge of the Word of God and the Christian graces. The services have been

argely attended as well as meetings for prayer. The Sabbath-school is prosperous."

Norfolk Street German tells of "Services well attended, and on the part of the congregation remarkable zeal is manifested. Both prayer-meetings and services during the week are pretty well attended. The Sunday-school is in an encouraging condition."

While we must be thankful over these interesting facts and the accompanying statistics, yet we must mourn that two of our old Churches, rich in precious associations, Washington Square and St. Paul's, have been dissolved; that the second service of the Lord's Day and the weekly meeting in so many places dwindle into insignificance. Evidently there is a lack of zeal for the Lord of Hosts. The world has taken hold of the Church, and it withers in the embrace. Even Christian professors are not inclined to make sacrifices for their Saviour. It is a time for every lover of Zion to be much in prayer; prayer that Jerusalem may put on her beautiful garments; prayer that God would send down his Holy Spirit to revive our Churches, our ministry, and that he would create a higher standard among his people.

As the Church of Bloomingdale has suffered under the long and serious illness of its pastor, and the little band are discouraged, your committee esteem it a case worthy of special sympathy, and recommend the appointment of a special committee, composed of two ministers and one elder to counsel and help them.

The Church of Brookfield, having asked for advice, their case is presented to the Classis for action, and we recommend the following resolution: That the Church of Brookfield be advised to secure the services of a suitable pastor at an early date.

According to the wisdom of our old Dutch motto, "In Union there is strength," we suggest that efforts shall be made to bring our Churches and ministers into closer sympathy. In a large city there are so many public interests to excite that we sometimes forget the people who live by our side. So a sister church may be suffering and we know nothing of its trial. For our mutual edification it is important that the bonds of fraternal intercourse shall be made closer, so that if possible we shall "strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees," and while thus blessing others shall ourselves be rewarded.

With this object, we propose that a committee be appointed to report at the autumnal session of Classis, who shall present some

plan of friendly visits to the Churches, not in a spirit of espoinage but to say words of cheer—to exchange the greetings of Christian affection, to excite each other to good works, and to build up our beloved Jerusalem, dear to us by its noble history and its pure doctrine, in its most holy faith.

The following changes have occurred during the year: The Rev. V. B. Carroll has been dismissed to the Classis of Paramus, and the Rev. W. H. DeHart to the North Classis of Long Island. The Rev. W. Carlos Martyn has been called to the charge of Thirty-fourth Street Church and will soon be installed. The Rev. Wm. Lloyd has been received from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now supplying the Madison Avenue Church. The pastoral relation between the Rev. James M. Ludlow and the Collegiate Church has been dissolved. The Rev. Jno. Heyzinga has been dismissed to the Classis of Wisconsin. The Rev. W. L. Johnson is laboring successfully among his colored brethren in Orangeburg, S. C.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ABR. R. VAN NEST, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows:

The general tone of the reports from the Churches is both hopeful and encouraging. An abstract from them will indicate this.

Berea says: "No results but such as naturally follow the use of divinely-appointed means of grace appear among us. We have been subjected to neither excessive joy nor despondency. Some drops of mercy have fallen to cheer and encourage our hearts."

Bloomingburgh sends no written report, but verbal assurances are given which tend to encouragement. They expect to enjoy the regular preaching of the Word from Dr. Mills for the ensuing half-year.

Claraville is looking up. The little flock there, greatly afflicted in the death of Elder Conrad Krom, who has for many years been, under God, their main dependence, has still been increased in numbers and strength. Rev. R. P. Milliken preaches for them during the ensuing year.

Cuddebackville says: "We sing of goodness and mercy, even in the midst of death's doings and financial hardships. We are 'faint, yet pursuing.'"

Deerpark rejoices in the prospect of a settled ministry, and the outlook is hopeful. Over $9,000 have been raised for congregational purposes during the last year.

Ellenville has encountered severe financial losses, and death has removed valuable members. Still others have been added, and we go on our way rejoicing.

Fallsburgh reports a healthful growth, and an increase of religious zeal. Special attention is given to the instruction of the youth. The Church expects to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary in May next.

Grahamville says: "The spiritual feeling in the church is hopeful, the attendance upon services increasing, and both spiritual and temporal prospects are brightening."

Kerhonkson says: "The work of our little church goes on; the sterility of the soil upon which the 'good seed' is sown, and the heavy pecuniary pressure are sore discouragements. Yet, at the present writing, a work of grace is going on in the midst of us which gladdens our hearts."

Mamakating says: "This feeble church has received an encouraging accession during the past year. Our pulpit has been regularly supplied by Rev. A. F. Todd."

Montgomery, having as yet no settled pastor, sends only her statistics, but expects soon to have her pastorate supplied. Meantime, her figures show that she has been holding steadfastly on her way.

Newburgh reports encouraging and active work under her new leadership. Largely-increased audiences "give us the grateful knowledge that the present is the brightest in the Church's history."

New Hurley is in a favorable condition. Ordinances are well attended, and general prosperity characterizes the work of the Church.

New Prospect says: "No special outpouring of the Spirit, but a general and regular observance of the means of grace, a spirit of peace and brotherly love, with an increase of contributions for the benevolent Boards of the Church," are the only matters that need mention in our report.

Shawangunk speaks hopefully in regard to spiritual things, but laments the heavy burden of taxation laid upon that agricultural

district, crippling all benevolent work. The spirit is willing, but the means are wanting.

Walden: The year has been one of blessing, resulting not in large additions to the Church, but in a general awakening of God's people to a deeper sense of duty, and a readiness to work in the vineyard of the Lord.

Wallkill Valley says: "The hope expressed a year ago, of the continuance of the revival spirit among us has not been realized; yet we have no cause for discouragement. The interest in our work continues, our temporal condition is improving, and we hope and expect, through God's blessing and the aid of the churches, to come out from under the cloud."

Walpack, both Upper and Lower, reports no special religious interest. They are enjoying the usual means of grace, attended by the ordinary results.

Wawarsing says: "The year has been unmarked by special religious interest, and yet has not been without much that is encouraging. Financially, we have met with decided success. Our house of worship has been renovated, and the expense of it met in full by willing gifts. There is also great readiness to hear the truth, but the harvest time is still delayed.

Our German Churches of Callicoon, North Branch, Jeffersonville, Hortonville, and Fremont, as also the Church of Minnisink, being without pastors, have sent us no reports.

Thus, upon a careful survey of the churches, we have reason, as a Classis, to thank God and take courage. We have passed through a year of great financial hardship—our churches have all had more or less trouble in meeting their liabilities. Still, with most of them there has existed a deep religious interest, and with some a precious ingathering of souls has occurred.

The churches are all supplied with the regular preaching of the Word.

Rev. S. J. Rogers has been dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery.

Rev. W. H. Gleason has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Rev. C. Brett has been dismissed to the South Classis of Bergen.

Rev. J. H. Carroll has been received from the South Classis of Long Island, and installed over the Church of Newburgh.

Rev. R. P. Milliken has been ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed over the Church of Grahamville.

Rev. H. M. Voorhees has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and arrangements have been made for his installation over the Church of Deerpark.

Rev. F. H. Schenck has been received from the Classis of Paramus, and arrangements made for his installation over the Church of Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

M. V. SCHOONMAKER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee takes pleasure in presenting the encouraging condition of the churches within our boundaries. While no single church has had, during the year, a revival season, nor made any special or protracted effort by frequent or multiplied services, almost every church gives a report fervid with spiritual life. The additions, in particular instances, are unusually large, and the total addition compares with the most prosperous years of the past.

The fountains of benevolence have flowed in generous fullness through the organized channels of our own denomination. The material needs of each congregation have also been supplied with generous hand.

There seems a common consciousness of the Holy Spirit's presence, or a confident expectation that He will come into their midst with converting power. There is an unction in these tidings from the churches which can but prove mutually instructive and comforting.

Our feeble sister at *Cold Spring* has the water of life constantly. Although without a pastor, only two Sabbaths has the pulpit been unsupplied. Rev. W. A. Shaw is at present a Stated Supply.

New Hackensack has had a year of progress out of unusual embarrassments, and has abundant cause for gratitude and encouragement.

Glenham has increasing congregations and outward interest. She is standing in her lot, waiting for the promise of the Father.

Millbrook has larger Sabbath congregations than ever before. Into the Gospel net encouraging numbers have been gathered for the Lord when He shall meet His Church on the shores of Eter

nity. Amid trying experiences and depletion by removal, she is still strong in the Lord.

Hyde Park has much to be thankful for. At each communion there have been additions to the membership, and the services of the sanctuary have been encouragingly attended.

Fishkill reports services invariably well attended, especially the prayer-meetings, and a prevalent spirit of inquiry.

Hopewell gives an encouraging spiritual condition, and much information concerning methods in church work, which must be heard in full to be appreciated.

Fishkill Landing has had unusually large prayer-meetings, which have been full of interest. Also a large attendance of young men and women at the Sabbath-school, and signs of the Spirit's presence. Within the year the Sabbath-school has undertaken the education for the ministry of one of their own young men. With gratitude to God, your Committee place this statement in marked prominence. Are our Churches awake to the importance of seeking laborers who shall go forth to reap the ripened harvest? Has our Classis in many years had a candidate in preparation?

First Poughkeepsie has enjoyed usual prosperity. Sabbath-school and Young People's Prayer-meeting are flourishing. The ladies also have organized for the more efficient prosecution of work for the Master.

Second Poughkeepsie gratefully reports an encouraging measure of pecuniary and religious prosperity, with attendance upon Sabbath and weekly services greater than in former years.

Rhinebeck reports a condition of comparative prosperity with signs of spiritual life, full of encouragement.

May all these tokens for good in our churches prove the earnest of an abundant harvest. In each garden of the Lord may plants of righteousness flourish, and when the ingathering shall come may great results be garnered for the House of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAIGE PEEKE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion report, that the examination into the Statistical Tables and explanatory remarks, reveals no unusual experience in the churches, but an even and assured

testimony is given of God's faithfulness to His covenant. While the year has been one of loss and trial in the commercial world, and distraction and apprehension in the political, the Lord has shown himself to be the source of the strength and power of the Church. The churches have continued in the work of the Lord, harmony has prevailed, the ordinances have been maintained, and without any special work of grace being reported, the tables and testimonies show an encouraging increase.

Bronxville returns only the statistical report.

Courtlandtown reports heavy losses by removals, but the work goes on steadily, and there is no occasion for discouragement.

Fordham gratefully acknowledges the goodness of God in the gift of a pastor, and recounts the success which has thus far characterized the relation. The signs of prosperity are encouraging. Harmony prevails in the congregation. There is large increase of attendance upon Divine worship. A succession of prayer meetings has been held with a great degree of interest. The Sabbath-school is prosperous, and a new Sabbath evening service has been instituted in the village near the station, which is well attended and promising. Some accessions have been made to the church, and the entire outlook is hopeful. "Pray for us," is the request of the Consistory.

Greenburg sends in only the statistical report.

Greenville reports uniformity in the number of families and attendance. There have not been large accessions, but they are hopeful of more.

Hastings reports loss by fires which have destroyed factories and dwellings, causing the material interests of the place to decline. Many families have left the place on this account, yet the church holds on its way, maintains its ordinances, and, despite losses, has shown a spirit of liberality. There is good attendance on the services, and Relief Associations and Industrial Schools have been established and flourished under the patronage of the Church.

Melrose presents a statistical report only.

Mount Vernon reports that the church has never been so flourishing. The Sunday-school has fluctuated in attendance during the repairs to the chapel, as there was no suitable place in which to hold it. Hard times and home calls have somewhat affected benevolent contributions. The Consistory gratefully acknowledge the good hand of God.

Peekskill reports increased attendance on all services and Sunday-school, and a generally healthy state of the Church, spiritual and social. There is plenty of work to do, and no impediment in the way of doing "Our trust is in Him who will command deliverances for Jacob."

First Church of Tarrytown reports prevalent harmony and uniform interest in the affairs of the church. Expenses have been fully met, and the balance of debt removed. During the year, the old Dutch records, which were in a dilapidated condition, have been translated and thus saved.

Second Church of Tarrytown reports, notwithstanding financial embarrassments which react on the church, the past year has not been without some tokens of prosperity. The church has doubled its contributions, and its current income has met its current expenses. There is reason to be thankful for the past and hopeful for the future.

Unionville reports no special manifestations of the Spirit, but waits patiently and hopefully. The house of worship has been repaired and improved. The audiences have increased and the Sunday-school has prospered. The benevolent contributions show a gain in the spirit of liberality. The people have worked successfully with their new pastor.

West Farms states that the means of grace are regularly administered, and all devotional services have been kept up with interest, and the Sabbath-school is in a hopeful condition. Yet the church is saddened by losses through removals from the place. Special efforts have been made by officers and members of the church, among those not in the habit of church attendance. The church reports poverty of resources on account of smallness of numbers.

Yonkers reports that all the work of the church has gone forward with regularity. The year has not been remarkable, however, for ingathering to membership. "Yet, as this report is made, encouraging tokens are refreshing our hearts. At our Mission Station, two and a half miles from the church, at least a score of persons have suddenly manifested a deep spiritual interest. Some also in the Church Sunday-school are inquiring. It is too early yet to read these signs, but as we write the spirit of prayer and hope has fallen anew upon our people. Out of what we see, something may

grow of which it may be our privilege and joy to speak in a future report."

The following changes have taken place during the ecclesiastical year:

Rev. L. H. Van Dyck has been released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Unionville.

Rev. A. E. Myers has been released from the pastoral charge of the Church of Bronxville, and dismissed to the Classis of Cayuga.

Rev. William Anderson has been received from the Classis of Rensselaer and installed over the Church of Fordham.

Rev. J. H. Hoyt has been received from the Presbytery of New York, and ordained and installed over the Church of Greenburg.

Rev. Howard Harris has been received from the care of the Classis of Newark, and ordained and installed over the Church of Unionville.

Rev. John Hutchins was received from the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin River, licenced, ordained, and installed Pastor of the Church of Bronxville.

Every church in the Classis has now its Pastor or Pastor-elect.

ISAAC L. KIP, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes R. A. P.	Congregational Purposes R. A. P.	
Arcot and 4 out stations...	Rev. Zachariah John	51	15	3	...	5	7	71		3	16	. .	226	13 8 6	5 4	Arcot, Madras Pres'y, India.
Arnee " 1 " ...	Rev. John Scudder, M.D	23	1	...	4	.	2	34	3	...	4	.....	87	10 4	4 8	Vellore, " "
Alliendal....	" "	17	1	...	...	...	...	24	4	1	15	....	81	60 4	32 10	" " "
Chittoor	Rev. Andrew Sawyer. ..	45	10	1	6	...	2	81	13	5	8	.. ..	205	40 8 8	38 10	Chittoor " "
Cooncor.....	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	47	4	1	4	...	1	48	11	1	10	.....	174	21 12	6	Vellore " "
Gnanodiam and 1 out stat.	" "	26	1		2	...	...	48	9	...	5	. ..	188	15 11 7	7 8	"
Kandipattur and 1 "	" "	22	3	...	...	...	...	36	7	3	17	.....	80	10 2	8 10	"
Kattupadi and 8 "	" "	35	...	...	5	...	1	33	4		24	.....	165	10 12	1 8	"
Kolapakum.....	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	20	.	...	...	...	...	38	2	...	16	.....	84	11 2 4	8 13	Tindevanum " "
Kottapalli and 4 out stat.	Rev. Andrew Sawyer....	32	8	2	2	1	1	35	11	8	66	....	130	11 2 5	8	Chittoor "
Marutuvambadi...	Rev. John Scudder, M D.	12	1	...	...	...	...	13	5	....	4	.....	57	25 2 3	4 13	Vellore
Mudnapalli and 7 out stat.	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M A.	46	...	10	4	3	1	23	5	...	1	.	191	9 10	1 8	Palamanair " "
Narasinganur...	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M A.	17	2	...	...	...	...	32	5	2	11	.	86	7 13	2 13	Tindevanum
Palamanair.....	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M.A .	13	.	5	4	1	...	17	...	....	5	.....	43	31 8 10	8	Palamanair " "
Orattur and 2 out stations.	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	44	2	7	68	1	...	68	2	1	55	. ....	206	19 3 6	5	Tindevanum
Sattambadi and 2 out stat.	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	23	...	2	...	...	...	37	6	....	15	.....	102	11 10 3	4 8	Vellore
Sekadu and 2 out stations.	" "	24	1	4	4	...	1	31	3	1	24	.....	93	10 3 6	2 13	"
Varikkal and 1 out station.	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	18	...	2	...	9	...	24	2	....	9	.....	96	.....	.....	Tindevanum
Vellambi....	Rev. Zachariah John...	19	...	...	3	5	1	31	..	...	1	.....	74	.....	14 11	Arcot
Vellore.	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	41	10	14	21	2	2	59	3	...	13	....	183			Vellore
	Total.....	575	59	51	127	27	19	788	102	25	389	.....	2500	319 12 4	160 4	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D. Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D. E. C. Scudder, M.D, in America.

* Dismissed to form the Churches of Kolapakum and Narasinganur.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s.c.)	200	25	13	3	..	6	415	6	7	200	1	300	$2,364 92	$5,297	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	122	2	1	13	..	5	222	5	2	.....	4	200	286 57	1,992 08	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	2	...	2	...	2	194	7	...	.....	2	200	354 72	1,450 77	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	Thomas S Dusinberre.	94	1	2	5	...	2	135	3	...	.....	1	65	300	1,014 92	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	98	10	3	3	...	6	258	3	5	.....	2	160	400	1,400	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	105	7	...	...	...	5	185	10	3	15	1	100	114 49	1,116 87	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	Vacant	80	7	3	1	...	2	151	6	...	.	1	120	188 74	1,292 30	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanic	John B. Church	78	7	...	...	.	...	133	6	5	.	3	138	... ..	.....	West Copake, "
Gallatin	De Witt B. Wyckoff	76	13	1	1	...	2	189	1	5	...	1	90	210 74	2,488 30	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgo	Abram H. Myers	50	2	.	4	...	2	40	2	1	...	1	20	6 25	482 65	Linlithgow, "
	Total	1098	76	23	32	...	32	1873	54	28	215	17	1898	$4,226 43	$16,484 89	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson; Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson; Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	75	40	3	...	...	...	142	4	20	.....	1	86	$7 70	$548	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom	162	24	1	5	...	5	211	25	1	75	3	380	315 42	2,074	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	W. N. Todd	100	46	4	4	4	...	*165	4	28	....	1	145	85 08	709 41	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	7	1	1	...	...	99	6	....	85	4	175	49 01	1,875 50	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	64	2	..	3	1	...	114	2	..	60	2	120	144 76	831 22	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Second Church	James Demarest, Jr.	150	11	18	14	...	4	852	10	...	.....	1	296	577 65	3,660 55	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	53	19	3	2	...	...	73	12	7	40	1	100	5 50	880	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	Paul T. Deyo	65	72	66	†	...	...	138	8	24	30	1	30	....	100	Kripplebush, " "
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	106	8	4	61	...	1	229	13	2	50	1	80	78 86	1,025	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Church	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.	60	3	...	...	...	1	116	3	1	50	1	70	89 58	658 95	Stone Ridge, " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	256	17	1	8	.	7	412	14	9	220	6	294	758 45	3,017	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	Vacant	100	4	...	...	...	2	127	10	.	45	5	368	86 14	694 56	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Vacant‡	60	18	2	...	...	5	112	1	7	...	1	80	42 86	675	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	W. N. Todd	28	13	1	2	...	2	76	5	5	25	1	51	7 67	296 48	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1379	284	99	100	5	27	2866	117	104	480	29	2270	$2,088 18	$16,045 62	

Other Ministers —Rev. James R. Lente, (Emeritus), Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.

* Revised List. † To constitute Church of Lyonsville. ‡ Isaac S. Schenck, Pastor Elect.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	Wm. H De Hart	135	10	5	2	...	3	246	1		. .	1	125	$263 34	$2,891 62	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	100	18	7	2	...	2	212	7	9	.....	3	275	480 91	2,544 17	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	Vacant	100	5	2	5	...	1	112	4	1	....	1	111	205 23	1,159 85	
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	90	5	2	.	...	2	122	6	...	.....	1	70	61	3,895 22	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	†380	..	..	.	...	...	498	.	.	....	.....	1000	....	.....	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	90	28	5	7	.	3	190	12	9	.	1	240	923 91	2,948 84	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E Cobb	108	12	1	5	...	1	207	2	5	75	1	130	842 40	3,780	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	280	17	6	13	..	2	380	7	6	..	1	627	524	16,337 04	148 Noble st , Brooklyn, E. D..
South Bushwick	Geo. D Hulst	100	9	8	2	...	2	188	11	2	.	1	450	216	3,032	15 Himrod st., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	16	...	5	...	1	171	59	...	30	1	125	10	1,100	Astoria, " L. I.
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	30	2	...	...	...	...	30	2	1	45	1	90	116 42	337	220 South 5th, Brooklyn, E. D.
Second Newtown	John Wenisch	25	10	...	4	.	2	63	11	...	16	1	80	46	250	Newtown, L. I.
Queens	Andrew Hagaman	92	21	4	5	...	2	125	11	6	126	1	126	250 31	4,420 56	Queens, "
Germ. Ev., Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	220	41		3		5	*410	157	...	250	2	500	187 2	2,142 02	8 5 Graham av., Brooklyn, E.D.
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	52	3	2	4	5	1	70	5		11	3	85	19 50	416 29	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley	H. H. Craig	5	12		4	...	1	46	1	7	...	1	100	68	971 58	Glen Cove, "
College Point	E. S. Fairchild	85	7	1	...	...	2	62	16	..	8	1	200	300	4,000	College Point, "
St. John's, Laurel Hill	Vacant	26	9	7	...	...	.	87	5	..	.....	1	70	56 85	850	
First Ref. L. I. City	Vacant	27	...	1	...	...	...	20	....	...	...	1	130	7 01	297 95	
Jericho	H. Dovries	22	3	7	2	...	...	8	1	3	...	1	30	..	854 12	Jericho, "
Bushwick	H. A. Howell	93	20	9	6	...	5	*140	8	7	.	1	360	64 58	4,628 60	12 Orient av., Brooklyn, E. D.
German Ev., Jamaica	J. Hones	85	...	...	...	...	1	..	12	.	15	1	30	.....	.....	Jamaica, "
	Total	2112	248	67	69	5	36	3232	333	56	576	26	4914	$3,991 16	$55,766 40	

Other Ministers.—E. B. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. C. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N Y. J. B. Alliger, N. Y. City. W. H Ten Eyck, (s. c), New Brunswick, N. J. Minor Swick, East Norwich, L. I. G. R. Garretson, 147 Remsen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Revised List † From Report of 1875-6.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brooklyn	Vacant	131	29	11	1*	..	10	458	14	9	.. .	2	396	$9.775 70	$5,965 56	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	12	8	..	...	4	222	9	1	200	1	325	6,085 41	3,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	C. S. Wright, S. S.	60	1	...	...	...	...	31	1	1	....	1	30	.....	.....	" "
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	98	44	8	1	...	4	245	8	4	100	3	330	1,000	3,366	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	11	1	4	...	2	198	11	....	100	2	200	334 86	2.572 51	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson Dubois	80	5	1	3	...	1	165	10	2	80	2	200	642 21	2.500	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Vacant	98	7	2	2	...	2	151	4	...	....	1	90	160	2,270	East New York, "
East New York	Wm. J. Hill	65	3	7	2	...	3	124	4	..	800	1	395	419 06	2.269	" " " "
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	58	7	1	2	...	1	58	11	2	.....	1	175	476 64	2,085 92	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	224	22	23	32	..	6	547	21	9	.....	1	422	1,352 10	6,044 36	" "
Twelfth st., Brooklyn	U. D. Gulick	160	80	28	15	...	3	448	39	21	200	1	389	951 35	12,715 48	" "
North Brooklyn	Alex. R Thompson	88	15	11	6	...	2	202	14	3	....	1	320	.....	.....	" "
Ch on the Heights, Br'kln	David Inglis	130	19	12	19	...	9	395	4	2	100	2	500	†8,147 82	12,000 11	" "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	80	4	...	...	..	3	181	61	...	80	1	150	65 00	1,277 60	" "
East Brooklyn		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	. .	.....	.....	" "
Bedford, Brooklyn	Peter E Kipp ‡	49	...	...	...	...	...	91	4	...	.....	1	75	.....	.....	" "
Second Flatbush	H. A. Freidel	50	2	...	...	...	...	84	9	....	....	1	50	81	1,178	Flatbush, "
Carnarsie	C. Dickhaut	27	5	...	..	...	...	69	16	...	16	1	95	.....	310	East New York, "
	Total	1668	266	108	104	...	50	3695	235	54	1126	23	4792	$29,491 15	$57,484 54	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions Rev Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. John A. Lansing. Rev. Daniel Espalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw. Rev. J. M. Van Buren. Rev. J. H. Manning. Rev. R. G. Strong. Rev. N. P. Pierce. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Church of Brooklyn. Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel.

* Revised List. † Exclusive of legacies of Miss Duryee to the amount of $25,000. ‡ Pastor Elect.

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			Rec'd													
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Collegiate, New York...	Thomas E. Vermilye...	750	158	66	20	1	85	2026	56	25	1000	7	2300	$26,000 00	.....	15 West 56th st., N. Y.
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....		.....	.....	.....	70 West 36 st., "
	William Ormiston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	17 West 32d st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville...	145	21	19	6	.	7	306	9	4	150	1	540	1,899 51	.....	327 East 124th st., "
South New York	Ebenezer P Rogers....	200	15	6	6	...	8	568	11	2	...	3	575	4,652 39	$15,000	42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island.	James Brownlee	140	18	3	3	..	4	329	19	5	250	2	420	612 50	3,979	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Jamesburg.
Madison Avenue	William Lloyd, S. S,....	56	3	2	28	. .	7	108	1	...	90	1	180	375 67	6,490 64	809 Lexington av., N. Y.
Thirty-fourth Street..	Carlos Martyn.....	226	35	25	22	...	5	382	26	12	170	1	252	1,180	4,710	449 West 34th st., "
German Evan. Mission ..	Julius W. Geyer	215	42	1	16	...	7	640	35	1	40	2	600	1,762 24	2,078 66	82 Second st., "
Richmond, S. I	Francis M. Kip	.....	3	...	3	...	...	42	....	1	. ...	2	90	22 50	.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Huguenots, S. I.....	Francis M. Kip	.....	1	...	2	...	1	43	...	...	.....	1	74	133 80	.....	" "
Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois.....	120	32	7	5	...	5	249	12	10	250	1	460	650	2,850	145th st., cor. 3d av., N. Y.
Union, High Bridge.....	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S.	35	15	...	4	...	1	45	1	1	. .	1	90	74 69	765 94	
Fourth German.....	John H. Oerter	60	21	...	...	...	...	220	23	...	40	1	230	205 83	1,749 76	248 West 40th st., "
Prospect Hill.....	D McL. Quackenbush ..	56	12	6	7	...	2	151	4	5	225	1	330	665	2,174	231 East 86th st., "
Holland	A. H. Bechthold..... .	.....	5	...	5	...	1	90	4	..	10	.....	...	82 75	200	279 West 11th st., "
Brookfield, Conn.....	Vacant	45	...	...	2	...	...	81	...	...	. .	1	.....	.....	150	
Avenue B. Ger. Evan.* ..	Vacant.....	87	6	1	4	...	3	147	2	..	20	1	155	251	1,373 48	
Brighton Heights.....	William T. Enyard.....	130	6	3	2	...	1	212	5	....	190	1	290	237 17	3,085 45	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Union, Sixth Avenue....	William B. Merritt.....	.	9	8	3	2	3	314	5	2	75	1	250	175	4,999 88	34 Charles st., N. Y.
German, Norfolk Street..	G. L. Neef	300	20	1	4	...	10	470	50	2	60	1	500	397 59	1,905 28	129 Norfolk st., "
Mattoax & Amelia C. H..																
	Total.....	2515	412	148	142	3	100	6423	273	70	2600	29	7286	$38,677 44	$51,512 09	

Mission Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th street, N. Y. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 787, N. Y. W. L. Johnson, Orangeburg, S. C.
Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, China. Charles H. H. Wolff, Japan.
Other Ministers—M. S. Hutton, 47 East 9th street, N. Y. John Forsyth, West Point, N. Y. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, S. I. J. B. Steele, New Brunswick, N. J. E. Wiggins, N. Y. A. R. Van Nest, 112 West 16th street, N. Y. W. H. Miller, 89 South 9th street, Brooklyn. James M. Ludlow, D. D., 182 West 48th street, N. Y.

* Jacob Schlegel, Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	L. S. Comfort	60	18	7			2	120	7	6	25	3	150	$108 50	$1,018 44	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	Vacant	*														Bloomingburgh, Sull'n Co. "
Callicoon	Vacant	*														Callicoon, " "
Claraville	R. P. Milliken, S. S	25	18				1	27		18		1	25			Claraville, " "
Cuddebackville	J DuBois	100	2	3			2	66		1	75	1	100	50 80	537 64	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark	H M. Voorhees, P. E.	160	4		6	1	3	266	7		150	2	330	561 84	9,789 84	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley, (s. c.)	80	11	4	6		8	248	4	5		1	125	124 55	2,020	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	75	12	3	4		1	107	5	6	10	1	100	154	908	Woodbourne, Sullivan Co., "
Fremont	Vacant	*														Fremont, " "
Grahamville	R. P. Milliken.	42	14				2	96		9		2	100	6	489	Grahamville, " "
Hortonville	Vacant	*														Callicoon Depot, " "
Jeffersonville	Vacant	*														Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	P. B. Crollius	80	12	1	4		1	106	17	7	25	1	80		550	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	A. F. Todd	45	8	3	2		2	81	1	6	30	1				Wurtsboro, Sullivan Co., "
Minnisink	Vacant	*														Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	F. H. Schenck, P. E.	185	6		4		5	406				1	234	1,000	2,293 57	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh	J. H. Carroll	307	29	17	6		5	539	8	12	56	2	290	419 16	5,818 50	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	R. H. Beattie	107	9	4				163	3	5		5	200	158	1,088	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	J. T. Demarest	80	2	2	4		1	120	2	2		3	125	73 69		Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch	Vacant	*														No. Branch, Sullivan Co., "
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	100	4	5	4		5	203	18	1	40	4	125	75	933	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	14	7	6		2	200	4	6	75	1	100	284	1,400	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	B. C. Lippincott	60	3	12	5		2	111	6			1	80	44	1,517 61	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Upper	G. S. Garretson	70	6	1	1		1	64	1	1	20	1	110	55	800	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa
" Lower	J. F. Shaw	90	4		4		2	178	2	1		2	100	65	650	Bushkill, Monroe Co., "
Wawarsing	G. B. Bell	107	5	1			3	156		3	30	3	283	1,258	1,199 50	Naponoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.
	Total	1818	176	70	56	1	43	3217	80	84	586	35	2657	$4,487 54	$31,008 10	

Other Ministers.—S. W. Mills, D.D., Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghampton, N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y. * No Report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	17	11	6	...	10	474	12	2	.....	1	323	$2,181 90	$4,098 03	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	140	15	12	2	...	5	306	5	6	100	1	155	2,062 42	7,118 91	" "
Fishkill	A. Anderson	95	2	8	1	...	3	180	3		40	1	121	415 75	2,600	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	140	10	2	20	...	4	251	5	7	50	5	175	189 07	1,498 99	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	100	7	5	1	...	4	156	3	1	40	5	230	255 54	1,760 28	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	11	7	4	...	2	308	8	6	...	1	180	504 84	2,477 80	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	18	3	2	...	6	282	2	2	.....	1	175	769 07	3,586 60	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	75	11	3	5	...	3	160	10	2	25	1	70	.....	1,050	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	J. C. Vanderventer.	69	2	7	3	...	2	70	4	1	.	2	181	208 90	1,278 68	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	20	...	..	3	...	1	43	...	..	55	1	55	600	600	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	74	8	2	11	1	1	109		5	....	2	110	333 78	1,706 66	Millbrook, "
	Total	1158	96	60	58	1	41	2289	52	32	310	21	1725	$7,591 27	$27,720 95	

Other Ministers—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	John Hutchins	60	5	2	...	..	...	69	...	3	...	1	90	$455	$1,786 70	Bronxville, N. Y.
Courtlandtown	Joseph A Harper	80	2	1	8	...	3	55	5	1	48	1	78	40	800	Montrose, " "
Fordham	William Anderson	45	2	3	7	...	1	60	...	....	.....	1	137	.....	1,848 29	Fordham, " City.
Greenburgh	James H. Hoyt	85	...	.	...	...	...	84	1	....	.....	1	40	.....	650	Hartsdale, " "
Greenville	Richard L. Schoonmaker	44	2	...	...	...	1	67	1	....	.....	1	60	.....	1,400	Scarsdale, " "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	78	8	4	7	...	...	185	2	1	...	2	225	1,191 24	8,205 92	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	47	17	...	...	...	1	89	37	1	16	1	215	18	912	Morrisania, " City.
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s. c.)	135	11	25	1	...	3	246	5	6	160	1	210	350 49	6,686 47	Mount Vernon, " "
Peekskill	Isaac L. Kip	76	11	2	1	...	1	182	4	7	75	1	110	102 06	2,113 76	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown First	John K. Allen	115	12	3	2	...	4	285	4	2	....	1	175	957 15	4,172 85	North Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown Second	John A. Todd	100	19	9	5	2	4	325	6	6	68	1	100	1,182 50	3,617	Tarrytown, " "
Unionville	Howard Harris	40	...	1	..	...	...	56	....	....	30	1	.....	... .	1,290	Neperan, " "
West Farms	John Simonson	43	2	..	4	...	1	47	3	...	. ...	1	169	184 50	872 96	West Farms, " City.
Yonkers	David Cole	120	13	12	7	...	5	312	16	3	225	1	335	1,267 88	4,781 35	Yonkers, " "
	Total	968	104	62	42	2	24	1917	84	30	622	15	1944	$5,698 82	$34,137 30	

Other Ministers.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W Rand, 150 Nassau street, N. Y. City. G. Windemuth, High Bridge, N. Y. City. Francis Bagley, New Brighton, S. I. William Brush, 128 Monmouth street, Newark, N. J. L. H. Van Dyck, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1877.

PRESBYTERIES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total No. Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
													Rs. An. P.	Rs. An. P.	
Arcot	20	8	..	575	59	51	788	102	25	389	..	2500	319 12 5	160 4	E. J. Heeren.
Hudson	10	12	..	1098	76	23	1872	54	28	215	17	1893	$4.226 43	$16.439 89	J. McC. Holmes.
Kingston	14	12	..	1379	284	99	2366	117	104	480	29	2270	2,088 18	16.045 62	Ph. Peltz.
North Long Island	22	26	..	2112	248	67	3332	338	56	576	26	4914	3,991 16	55,766 40	W. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	18	26	..	1668	108	104	3695	235	54	1126	23	4792	29.491 15	57.484 54	D S. Sutphen.
New York	21	35	..	2515	412	148	6423	278	70	2600	29	7286	38.677 64	51,512 09	T. W. Chambers.
Orange	26	23	..	1813	176	70	3217	80	84	536	35	2659	4,437 54	31.008 10	E. W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie	11	18	..	1158	96	60	2289	52	32	310	21	1725	7,521 27	27.720 95	A P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	21	1	968	104	62	1917	84	30	622	15	1944	5,698 82	34,187 30	M. H. Hutton.
Total	156	176	1	13286	1563	684	25899	1335	483	6854	195	29483	$96,132 19	$290,108 89	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes, reported on each of the Books of Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, which were accepted and adopted:

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—The Committee on the Minutes of Classis of Hudson, respectfully report that the Minutes are correct and well kept.

J. F. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—The Committee report the Minutes in good órder.

H. P. CRAIG, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee take pleasure in reporting that these Minutes are well written and neatly kept. They notice that almost every constitutional question received a number of negative answers. We with sadness state that notwithstanding the censure given by this Synod last year, and the resolution passed by Classis at its Fall Session, in which they acknowledge the censure to be well deserved, and promise amendment in the future, seven or eight of their Churches, most of them the identical ones previously delinquent answered No to the second question touching the explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism, and Classis again neglected to notice the same. We recommend that the attention of this Classis be called to the resolution referred to, and censured for their inconsistency and neglect of duty.

P. VAN WYCK, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—The Committee on Minutes of South Classis of Long Island report that they have examined these Minutes and find nothing demanding special notice.

J. C. VAN DEVENTER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee entrusted with the Minutes of the Classis of New York, reports that it finds the record well kept. This Classis assents to the printing of Section No. 4 of the New Liturgy, which has reference to the public reception of

Church members. Nine pastors have failed to observe the specific command that the Heidelberg Catechism be expounded.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—The Committee report the Minutes correct and well kept.

M. F. LEIBENAU, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie would respectfully report that they find them correctly kept.

J. HALSTED CARROLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, respectfully report that it has found them regularly kept and in excellent order.

J. W. GEYER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, beg leave to report that they have examined the papers referred to them and find that they consist of a record of the proceedings of the Classis of Kingston in the case of the Rev. Dr. Blauvelt, and of his appeal from their sentence to this Synod.

They further find that Dr. Blauvelt has taken the prescribed steps to bring his appeal before the Synod; and the Committee recommend that the appeal be made the first order of the day for this afternoon and be heard according to the prescribed rule.

J. FORSYTH, *Chairman.*

The appeal of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt was taken up.

The President of Synod solemnly announced from the Chair that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business and enjoin on the members to regard their character as judges.

The Synod proceeded in the order prescribed in the Constitution:

1. The sentence appealled from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. The above comprised all the papers in the case.

4. The original parties were heard, beginning with the appellant.

5. The Commissioner of the Classis of Kingston, Rev. Ph. Peltz, was heard.

6. The appellant was heard in reply.

The parties in this case, Rev. Dr. Blauvelt and the members of Synod from Classis of Kingston, having withdrew, the roll of Synod was called, and each member given the opportunity to express his opinion on the case. After this, the final vote was taken unanimously, as follows:

Resolved, That the judgment and sentence passed by the Classis of Kingston, against the Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, D. D., be, and the same hereby is in all things affirmed.

Dr. Blauvelt gave notice of his intention to appeal from the decision of the Synod.

Rev. Philip Peltz and Elder H. P. Allen were appointed Commissioners from this Particular Synod to take charge of this case in General Synod.

On motion, a Special Committee was ordered to draft the reasons for the action of Synod in this case. The Chair appointed Rev. O. E. Cobb, Rev. G. S. Plumley, and Elder H. P. Allen, such Committee. This Committee reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Particular Synod of New York, assign the following reasons for this decision:

1. The proceedings on the trial before Classis were regular and in due form, and no objections were raised to the same.

2. The evidence was full and abundantly sufficient to sustain the judgment of the Classis against the appellant.

3. The appellant upon appearing before the Particular Synod on said appeal, admitted that the Classis of Kingston could not, consistently with the facts, have passed any other judgment.

G. S. PLUMLEY,
H. P. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The case of Rev. A. Blauvelt was judicially considered. and acted on upon appeal.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

On motion the following action was:

Whereas, In the Minutes of General Synod of 1876, page 494, the term preaching upon the Catechism is substituted for that of the term of "regularly explained," as required by the seventh article of the Constitution; therefore,

Resolved, That this Particular Synod considers that the substitution of the word "*to preach*" on the Heidelberg Catechism in the place of the word "*to explain*," the same is unauthorized in the Constitution.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations, reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The only business before this Committee, is to nominate a preacher for the evening of the Second day of the Session of 1878.

They nominated as preacher, primarius the Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, of the South Classis of Long Island, and as his secundus the Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie. They recommend that the choice of topics, this year, be left to the preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the session of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization of Synod, was occupied in devotional exercises under the direction of the President. The first hour of Wednesday morning was also spent in devotional exercises, under the lead of the Assessor.

On the evening of the second day, Rev. James Demarest, Jr., preached by appointment of Synod on "The Practical Aspects of Infant Baptism," from Psalms 103 : 17–18. The Synod, after expressions of appreciation of the sermon by members of Synod, requested a copy of the sermon for publication in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

Ten and a half o'clock of Wednesday morning, having been fixed upon to present the interests of the various Boards, Rev. John L. See, D.D., presented the interests of the Educational work. Rev. C. L. Wells, delegated by the Board of Foreign Missions presented a forcible appeal in behalf of that Board; Rev. E. W. Bentley, spoke in behalf the interests of the Board of Domestic Missions, dwelling with special emphasis on the needs and importance of the Church Building Fund. Rev. Dr. Lansing and Rev. J. W. Geyer, presented the work of the Board of Publication. These brethren were heard with much interest.

A Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Peltz and Lansing and Elder Wood, reported the following action, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod from this day's result of the presentation of the claims of the various Boards of the Church before the Synod, regards the hearing of these claims as an important item of the work of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Churches are urged to give new and increased attention to the wants and work of the Board of Education, of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and of Publication, convinced that each of these deserve the full aid of the Churches which they ask.

The usual number of copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod, were ordered printed.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod are hereby given to the Pastor and Consistory of the Church of Yonkers, for the use of their church edifice for the sessions of Synod, and for their courteous attention to the members.

Resolved, That the kind and graceful hospitality of the families who have received us to their homes is acknowledged most gratefully, and the members of the Synod fervently pray that every blessing may rest upon them.

It was unanimously resolved that the Stated Clerk furnish the Rev. Dr. Cole, pastor of this Church, a copy of these resolutions, with the request that he read them on Sabbath morning to his congregation, and further that a copy be also furnished to the Yonkers Press.

Whereas General Synod has discouraged the interchange of delegates between the different Particular Synods, therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed hereafter to omit Article XXII relating to the appointment of such delegates, and that he also omit Article IV of the Formation of Synod, and place the heading *Other Particular Synods* under Article V of Acts of Synod, and hereafter record actions relating the Particular Synod under that lemma.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account which were referred to the Committee on the Questorate.

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The Questor, owing to prompt and full payment of dues from all the Classes composing Synod, is enabled in his account now presented to show receipts (inclusive of balance on hand May 1st, 1876), of $471 93. The payments of contingent expenses during the year were $188 43, leaving a balance in his hands of $283 50.

Although the sums now collected by the Questors of Classes, viz: $3 from Churches having 100 families, and $2 from smaller Churches, if obtained yearly, would probably be in excess of needs; in the judgment of the Questor, it is better when the cash balance will justify such action, to omit the assessment for the year succeeding, rather than reduce the rate, inasmuch as the sums named have not proved burdensome to the Churches.

The amount now in his hands being sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of Synod for the ensuing year, he would respectfully suggest that he be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May 1st, 1878.

Respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

New York, May 1st, 1877.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1876	Dr.	
May 26	To Cash paid Rev. Philip Peltz, President Board of Superintendents, for traveling expenses.....	$7 59
July 3	Cash paid Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, for expenses in attending meeting of Board of Superintendents in 1875 and 1876.....	9 40
Aug. 21	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1876 (450 copies).....	116 19
Oct. 5	Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1877.....	50
5	Cash paid Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage.....	5 25
1877 May 1	Cash Balance due Synod to new account.....	283 50
		$471 93

1876	Cr.	
May 3	By Cash Balance from old account.....	$145 93
Aug. 21	Cash from Mr. Robert P. Shepard, Questor Classis of Hudson.....	25
Oct. 5	Cash from Rev. A. Blauvelt, Questor Classis of Kingston.....	33
31	Cash from Rev. W. B. Merritt, Questor Classis of New York.....	63
Nov. 20	Cash from Rev. Isaac L. Kipp, Questor Classis of Westchester.....	32
Dec. 4	Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Questor Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	28
1877 Feb. 15	Cash from Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, Questor South Classis of Long Island.....	42
Mch 1	Cash from Rev. Wm. Ferris, Questor North Classis of Long Island.....	46
Apl. 19	Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor Classis of Orange.....	57
		$471 93

The Committee on the Questorate reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's account, with the vouchers, and find them correct; and that there is a balance due the Synod of two hundred and eighty-three dollars and fifty cents, ($283.50).

The Questor of Synod speaks of the favorable condition of the Treasury, and suggests that the regular assessment of two and three dollars from the several Churches, according to their number of families, be omitted for the present year, rather than a lessening of the assessment. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the said assessment be omitted for the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. TODD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

From Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M.D.,
Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D.

From Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John B. Church,	Elder J. M. Strever,
" DeWitt B. Wyckoff,	" A. Piester,
" James Wyckoff,	" J. W. Ten Broeck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John W. Schenck,	Elder S. Rossman,
" John H. Bevier,	" A. Rossman,
" Polhemus Van Wyck,	" R. B. Shepard.

From Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, D.D.,	Elder Severyn Hasbrouck,
" Calvin E. Lasher,	" Isaac Schoonmaker.
" William H. Vroom,	" Jacob L. Snyder.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James Demarest, Jr.,	Elder Elijah DuBois,
" William N. Todd,	" W. T. Demarest,
" Paul T. Deyo,	" Benjamin Markle.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker,	Elder Jacob Nice,
" Gilbert S. Garretson,	" Joseph Lawson,
" Samuel W. Mills, D.D.,	" Thomas Jessup,
" Benjamin C. Lippincott,	" T. J. Bonnell,
" Goodloe B. Bell,	" D. W. Rappleje.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John A. Staats,	Elder D. S. Mould,
" W. S. Brown,	" N. C. Clark,
" E. W. Bentley,	" H. Suydam,
" C. Spaulding,	" Jacob Tears,
" L. L. Comfort.	" C. C. Andross.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Ward,	Elder J. B. Jones,
" Acmon P. Van Gieson, D.D.	" Milton A. Fowler,
" Charles W. Fritts.	" Walter Brett.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry N. Cobb,	Elder William Bogardus.
" A. P. Peeke,	" S. Drury,
" H. Heermance.	" Sidney Schofield.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Cole, D.D.,	Elder Alphonzo Wood,
" Rev. Joseph A. Harper,	" I. H. Pooley, M.D.,
" Howard Harris,	" Jacob Storm.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William Anderson,	Elder J. P. Bailey,
" Isaac L. Kip,	" S. F. Elting,
" Richard L. Schoonmaker,	" Daniel Conklin.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Geo. R. Garretson,	Elder A. P. Northrop,
" John M. Wagner,	" John W. Payntur,
" Matthew L. Haines,	" F. A. Lancashire,
" Lewis Francis,	" John W. Morrel.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. S. Fairchild,	Elder James Debevoise,
" H. A. Powell,	" Hugo Tunke,
" Charles I. Shepard,	" Geo. W. Burroughs,
" Geo. D. Hulst.	" Jacob Suydam.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Robert G. Strong,	Elder John Lefferts,
" Alexander Shaw,	" J. B. Brinsmade,
" Cornelius L. Wells,	" Theo. L. Mason, M.D.,

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry V. S. Myers,	Elder Ditmas Jewell.
" U. D. Gulick,	" J. Remsen Bennet,
" David S. Sutphen,	" Gerret G. Bergen.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. William B. Merritt,	Elder James Anderson, M.D.,
" Abram R. Van Nest, D.D.,	" Samuel B. Schieffelin,
" James Brownlee, D.D.,	" D. P. Ingraham,
" Hasbrouck Du Bois,	" Henry Camerden, Jr.

SECUNDI.

Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, D.D.,	Elder N. S. King,
" G. Henry Mandeville, D.D.,	" John Van Nest,
" E. P. Rogers, D.D.,	" D. Jackson Steward,
" John H. Oerter,	" A. C. Wood.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Particular Synod of New York, adjourned to meet in Annual Session, in the Reformed Church of Newburgh, on the First Tuesday of May, A. D., 1878, at three o'clock P.M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned by uniting in repeating the Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and Benediction.

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EDWARD W. BENTLEY, *Adsessor.*

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The Particular Synod of New York met in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Newburgh, N. Y., on Tuesday, the seventh day of May, A. D. 1878, at three o'clock P. M., and adjourned at nine o'clock P. M. of the second day.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., the retiring President, who also preached the sermon before Synod on the evening of the first day of the session, from 2 Timothy, 2 : 1—"Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.—

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. James Wyckoff, Arad J. Sebring, Polhemus Van Wyck. *Elders,*—Alex. W. Hover, Gilbert Plass.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. M. F. Leibenau, William H. Vroom, William N. Todd, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders,*—G. W. Le Fever, W. H. Krom, G. F. Shultis.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. William E. Davis, Emanuel Schultz, Ernst Gutweiler, Julius Hones. *Elders,*—W. R. T. Johnston, Daniel V. Weeks, Jabez Harris.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Uriah D. Gulick, William J. Hill, Alexander R. Thompson, D.D. *Elders,*—J. Remsem Bennett, Isaac E. Bergen, George Pool, Ditmas Jewell.

Classis of New York.—Revs. Carlos Martyn, Abram Thompson. *Elder,*—N. Hill Fowler.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. W. S. Brown, John DuBois, Augustus F. Todd, J. Halsted Carroll, D.D. *Elder,*—C. N. Wolley.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Graham Taylor, Asher Anderson, Joachim Elmendorf, D.D. *Elder,*—John Anderson.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. Joseph A. Harper, David Cole, D.D., Wm. Brush. *Elders,*—James H. Lent, Hyatt L. Garrison, S. Pagsley.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D.D., was elected President, and Rev. Arad J. Sebring was elected Adsessor, Rev. Graham Taylor and Rev. Asher Anderson were elected temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Benschoten, were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. U. D. Gulick, Julius Hones, A. F. Todd. *Elders,*—S. Pagsley, N. H. Fowler.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.

For Classis of Hudson.—Rev. J. A. Harper. *Elder,*—J. Anderson.

For Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Wm. J. Hill. *Elder,*—N. W. Hover.

For North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Carlos Martyn. *Elder,*—H. L. Garretson.

For South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. P. Van Wyck. *Elder,*—J. H. Lent.

For Classis of New York.—Rev. W. N. Todd. *Elder,*—D. V. Weeks.

For Classis of Orange.—Rev. James Wyckoff. *Elder,*—J. R. Bennet.

For Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. M. T. Leibenau. *Elder,*—Isaac E. Bergen.

For Classis of Westchester.—Rev. W. S. Brown. *Elder,*—Jabez Harris.

On the Questorate.—Revs. J. H. Carroll, C. E. Lasher, Wm. E. Davis. *Elders,*—Geo. Pool, J. H. Lent.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. J. Elmendorf, David Cole, Abram Thompson. *Elders.*—J. R. Bennet, W. R. T. Johnston.

On Nominations.—Revs. Graham Taylor, W. H. Vroom, E. Schultz. *Elders.*—Geo. Pool, W. R. T. Johnston.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Rev. Geo. A. Mills, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would report that they have examined the Minutes of the several Particular Synods, and of General Synod, and that they find nothing that calls for action by this body, excepting on page 7 of the Particular Synod of New York, the following recommendation from General Synod : "That it be enjoined upon the Particular Synods to give special attention to the Classical records, and that they censure those Classes where there is an evident neglect or refusal to preach upon the Heidelberg Catechism, according to the Constitutional requirement."

Your Committee would call the attention of the various committees on Classical Records to this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

U. D GULICK,
A. F. TODD,
JULIUS HONES, } *Committee*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New Brunswick, for 1877, were laid upon the table of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report on the State of Religion, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Classical Reports have carefully read all the written reports from the Classes, and have given both to these and to the statistical returns their earnest consideration. These papers contain much of the lament to which we have of late become accustomed, over the disturbed financial condition of our country, and the trials it has brought upon the Churches. In general, however, their tone is exceedingly encouraging and hopeful. In many of our Churches the work of grace must have been progressing with much vigor. Noticeable for large figures under the column of professions are the Churches of The Clove, Rochester, and Rosendale, in the Classis of Kingston; the German Churches in the Classes of Long Island and New York; the Church of Newburgh, in the Classis of Orange; the two Churches of Poughkeepsie, in the Classis of Poughkeepsie; the North Brooklyn and the Twelfth Street Churches, in the Classis of South Long Island; and the Churches of Mount Vernon and Yonkers, in the Classis of Westchester. Smaller figures in the reports of Churches of less strength are doubtless equally expressive. The Churches of this Particular Synod as a whole represent a vast strength, financial and spiritual. There ought not to be any lack of spirit in the aggregate body. There is power enough, if it should be baptized with a due spiritual life and zeal, to carry on aggressive work that would tell with vast effect both upon home and foreign fields. Our Mission Classis of Arcot comes upon us with pleasant words about opening opportunities, and the growing favor with which the heathen look upon the gospel of Christ, but its report contains the saddest references to the visitation of its field by famine and pestilence, as well as the most earnest appeals for men and means. The force in the field has now dwindled down to one single man, the writer of the report, and yet the call for work is greater than ever before. The report makes the distinct issue that the failure of the Mission is

certain if it be not speedily reinforced. Your Committee read this with tried feeling. It appeals to the home Church with a pathos almost irresistible. We think the subject of Missions, both home and foreign, deserves a setting apart by this body of an hour for its special consideration. If possible, dear brethren, we ought to start some special action looking to the relief of our India Mission, and particularly to an efficient equipment of the school at Vellore. We cannot extend this report to greater length, but submit it as it is, simply appending the detailed reports of the Classes, which accompany it, for publication in the printed Minutes of our Session.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

The past year has been the most trying one through which our Arcot Churches have ever passed. One of the severest famines that India has ever experienced, has been raging throughout the greater part of the Madras Presidency, carrying away one-quarter of the population, and bringing losses to people which cannot be repaired for years to come. In addition to this, cholera, that fearful disease (the very name of which makes a Hindoo to shudder), has spread from village to village, sweeping away thousands in the space of a few days, and bringing untold misery to hundreds of families. In the midst of these great trials, however, our people have remained firm in their adhesion to Christianity, and the year has been one of great blessing to our Churches. The heathen, seeing the utter folly of trusting in their gods of stone to help them, have turned in their distress to the Christian's God. Faith in idolatry has been shaken, and thousands have sought the Missionary, asking to be instructed in the truths of the Gospel. Nearly all of our congregations have doubled in point of numbers, and, in addition to this, more than fifty villages, containing between four and five thousand people, have renounced their idols, trampling them to the dust, and asked us to send teachers to instruct them. I firmly believe that had we had sufficient men and means at our command, no fewer than fifty thousand (50,000) souls could have been added to our congregations. Whilst the Lord has thus softened the hearts of the

heathen and turned their thoughts from dumb idols to serve Him, what encouragement does the Reformed Church offer to her Missionaries? Another year has passed, and still no reinforcements. But two Missionaries remain in the field to-day to attend to the interests of nineteen (19) churches, composed of people living in fifty different villages, and scattered over a district equal in extent to the State of New Jersey, and no means of reaching the different points but by bullocks. Before this report will have reached you the senior Missionary will have left India, throwing the whole work upon one man. Brethren, what does the Church mean to do? Is the Mission to be kept up or is it not? It seems to me that the time has come when a direct yes or no should be given to this question. Not only must men be sent, but our appropriations must be increased by one-third if we are to maintain what the Lord has been pleased to give into our hands. Shall we let the people whom we have received go back to their idols, because the Reformed Church will not send them men to teach them about Christ? Fifty dollars ($50) will support a teacher one year. We need thirty (30) additional helpers to-day. Are there not thirty Churches who can give fifty dollars a year apiece to pay the salaries of these new helpers?

Brethren, we repeat it, the next few months must decide what you intend to do with the Arcot Mission.

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

TINDEVANUM, February 24, 1878.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The following extracts will indicate the general condition of each of the Churches of this Classis:

The *Church of Hudson* "express their sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for his continued favor during another year." Though by the resignation of their former pastor they were left "for some months, a flock without a shepherd," yet they say "the Lord was evidently with us, preserving us from internal strife, binding us even still more closely together as a people in the bonds of Christian fellowship and love. The new relationship has been formed under pleasant and hopeful auspices.

"We are able to report but a slight increase of membership. Our losses by removal have been large, and our gains have been small, compared with previous years. This is due, partly, we believe, to the fact of our being so long a time destitute of the regular pastoral oversight, and not, we sincerely hope, to a decline of spirituality on the part of the people."

The *First Church of Claverack* says "considerable has been done in the work of temperance in our community. Many have been induced to sign the total abstinence pledge, and we have reason to believe not a few have been redeemed from the habit of using intoxicating liquors. The additions to the Church have been largely from the Sabbath-school. The Church has lived the year in mingled sorrow and gladness."

The *Second Church of Claverack* reports "The year has been devoid of special incident. Nothing has seemed to warrant the use of extraordinary means of grace. A temperance movement, resulting in eight hundred signatures to the pledge of total abstinence, has swept through our community during the past winter, in which we gratefully recognize the hand of God."

The *Church of Linlithgo* gratefully records the goodness of God to her during the entire year. The regular services have been held without interruption, save the suspension of the Wednesday evening service during the busier summer months, and the Sabbath-school during the winter. Through the grace of God we are at peace among ourselves and with others. With a grateful sense of past favors we continue to place our entire dependence on our Covenant Head, ever praying that the year to come may find us "growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and "ready to every good work."

The *Church of Greenport* says "though there has been no special manifestation of the Holy Spirit, yet there have been conversions, and accessions to the Church on confession."

The *Church of Germantown* says: "Spiritually the year has been neither barren nor fruitful. There was a fair degree of interest during the early part of it; after that the interest in eternal things began to decline, and the love of many waxed cold. As the year closes, the aspect is more pleasing. The people of God are awaking to prayer and the impenitent to the truth."

The *Church of Upper Red Hook* sends statistics only.

The *Church of Taghkanic* says: "Reasons for encouragement and greater zeal are manifold. A few have been awakened and have professed Christ. We are looking for more to embrace this gospel of the kingdom."

The *Church of Gallatin* repors that during the year "Christ's vineyard received usual care, and a small but precious harvest has been gathered. An encouraging interest in the subject of temperance is manifested by many members of the congregation, and a society has been organized."

The *Livingston Church at Linlithgo*, as usual, sends no report.

From the foregoing it appears that while the results of our "work of faith and labor of love" have not been as great as we could wish, yet great praise is due to the Lord for the harvest we have been enabled to gather.

The following changes in the ministry during the year have been the dismissal of Rev. J. McC. Holmes to the Presbytery of Albany; and Rev. J. B. Church to the Classis of Kingston; the engagement of Rev. E. C. Scudder as stated supply of the Church of Upper Red Hook, for one year; and the reception of Rev. Thos. B. McLeod, from the Presbytery of Genessee; and Rev. Jas. C. Garretson, from the Classis of Greene, and their installation as pastors respectively, over the Churches of Hudson and Taghkanic; to which may be added the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. Abram H. Myers and the Livingston Church at Linlithgo; this dismissal to the Classis of Ulster, after his having been at his own request declared emeritus, and recommended to the Disabled Ministers' Fund for aid in the sum of $300 for the present year.

T. S. DUSINBERRE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion would report as follows:

The past year has evidently been one of seed-sowing, rather than of large ingatherings. The reports show that the Spirit of God has been with us.

He has given to all His Churches witnesses of His continued favor and converting power, and, in a few instances, large accessions are reported; yet no very marked revivals have occurred, and the additions have been smaller in the aggregate than those of last year. A decrease is apparent also in the number of baptisms, as compared with the preceding year.

The statistics, taken as a whole, indicate a substantial progress, and the statements accompanying them are filled with the spirit of gratitude and hopefulness.

The *Church of the Clove* reports a large accession of members, and rejoices to find among them many young men of promise, whose conversion in their youth affords a most hopeful assurance of the Church's future. The presence and quickening power of the Holy Ghost, which this Church has enjoyed for several years past, are continued without abatement to the present time.

The *Church of Dashville Falls* reports: "God has been with us; His presence has been felt and enjoyed, although we have not seen that especial manifestation of his converting power as in the preceding year."

The *Church of Guilford* says: "The ordinances are well attended. At times there are evidences of the Spirit's presence and power, for which we earnestly long and heartily pray. The Sabbath-schools are well attended."

The *Church of Hurley* reports an encouraging attendance upon the Sabbath services, but a want of interest in the prayer-meetings, and great spiritual coldness.

The *Second Church of Kingston* reports: "The year has not been marked by any large ingathering, but we have received some additions of a substantial and encouraging sort. There has been a good deal of seed-sowing, and considerable labor has been put forth directed to developing the spiritual life and Christian activity of our membership." An auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has been formed among the ladies.

The *Church of Marbletown* reports that outstanding debts have been liquidated, and "a healthful religious feeling is prevalent among the membership."

The *North Church of Marbletown* says: "Although we can make mention of no great awakening or remarkable church progress, yet, with thankfulness to God, we report our Church, spiritually and temporally, in an encouraging state."

The *Church of New Paltz* reports that the past year has given rich evidence of the Divine goodness, but laments that the "number added to the communion of the Church from the world has been smaller than for many years, and that there is a notable absence of interest in religion among the children of the covenant." An increased Sunday-school work is reported, and an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has been formed among the ladies.

The *Church of Rochester* brings a cheerful report. The Rev. J. B. Church, formerly of the Classis of Hudson, has been settled as pastor. "The Sabbath services and prayer-meetings are enjoying an increased attendance, and we have been blessed temporally and spiritually." A young people's prayer-meeting has been specially blessed. "Nearly every week our ears have been gladdened by the cry, 'What must I do to be saved?' Yet the spirit of revival is lacking. There is a want of deep spirituality among our membership." The church property has been repaired and improved, at considerable expense.

The *Church of Rosendale* reports statistics only. These indicate a year of encouraging progress and spiritual blessing.

The *Church of St. Remey* says: "The past year has been to us one of encouragement and hope. A good degree of spirituality exists."

The *Church of Lyonsville* reports: "Our Church is progressing as rapidly as can be reasonably expected. A good state of religious feeling generally prevails."

The *Church of Krumville* says: "Our Church is in a prosperous condition. We have not had large accessions the past year, yet the Lord has been evidently with us. Our congregations continue full, and our weekly prayer-meetings have been well attended."

The *Church of Rosendale* reports a greatly increased interest in Sabbath-school work, and adds that "the past year has been one of great toil, and not entirely without fruit."

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. J. B. Church has been received from the Classis of Hudson, and installed over the Church of Rochester. The candidate Isaac S. Schenck has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Rosendale.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

The reports from the Churches in the North Classis of Long Island are, for the most part most gratifying and encouraging. The reports do not show any marked manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Yet all the Churches, with but one exception, report an increase in membership.

We notice that those Churches which received quite large accessions last year, received smaller this year; while those that had few additions last year report larger accessions this year. The general tenor of all the reports indicates "quiet prosperity," "harmony" and "good attendance." The Church of Jamaica, L. I., which rejoices in the settlement of a new pastor, shows that the new relationship has not been without some visible fruit. The report shows an accession to her membership of twenty-two souls. Seven on confession and fifteen on certificate.

The *Church of Newtown* reports a temporal and spiritual prosperity. The results are not so marked as those of the previous year. A new service has been established since the Week of Prayer, which has been largely attended, and much interest manifested. Five have been received on confession of faith.

The *Church of Oyster Bay* also rejoices in the settlement of a new pastor. Since this new pastor began his work here his Church has presented a most hopeful and encouraging future. The Church services, the Sabbath-school, and the prayer-meeting have been largely attended, and on the part of some a deep interest has already been manifested. The report shows

that regular services are maintained at Jericho, and the report reads, "If any place needs Christian effort this one does." None of us who are acquainted with either the ancient or modern Jericho are prepared to deny this. But what most surprises us, and ought to call for devout thankfulness, is the fact that the present pastor of Oyster Bay predicts, even for Jericho, a hopeful future. The Church of Oyster Bay has added to her membership six souls on certificate and four on confession.

The *Church of North Hempstead* was never in a more prosperous condition. Since the Week of Prayer the Church has enjoyed, to an unusual degree, the presence of the Holy Spirit. A new Sabbath-school has been organized under the most favorable auspices. The Lord has also added to this Church twelve souls during the past year; eight on confession and four on certificate.

The report from the *Church of Flushing* is both encouraging and discouraging. Temporally the Church has flourished. A new and attractive parsonage has been erected. But to use the language of the report: "In visible spiritual fruit no previous year of the pastor's ministry has been so barren." Only one has been received on confession of faith, and but two on certificate, while the Church sustains a loss of twelve members, four by dismission and eight by death.

The *Church of Green Point* is in a most flourishing condition. "Harmony prevails." There has been no diminution of interest in any department of Christian work. The Church has increased her membership by thirty-one members; eighteen on confession and thirteen on certificate.

The *German Second Reformed Church of Astoria* feels very much encouraged with the results of the past year. Four have united on confession, and the Parochial school was never in a more prosperous condition.

The *Church of East Williamsburgh* reports that her pastor has served the Church faithfully. But the report does not show any visible fruit. The Church sustains a loss of four members; three by dismission and one by death.

The *Second Church of Newtown* reports twelve received on confession of faith. The Church complains of poverty and small attendance.

The *Church of Queens* has nothing special to report. But the report shows that a quiet prosperity prevails. The services have been well attended and some interest manifested; nine have been received on confession and two on certificate.

The *Reformed Church of Sayville* complains of her poverty, and feels deeply for the sufferings of her pastor, whom she confesses she cannot properly support. The report speaks cheerfully of the spiritual prosperity of this Church, but the figures do not show a gain of membership, for while five have been received on confession and five on certificate, five have been dismissed, and four suspended, and one has died, leaving the loss as great as the gain.

The report from the *Church of Locust Valley* shows an addition to her membership of seven souls; six on confession and one on certificate. The remarks accompanying the report show that the Church is making steady progress.

The *Reformed Church of College Point* reports temporal loss and the corresponding depression. In spiritual matters the Church is prospering. She has added to her membership fifteen on confession of faith, and one on certificate.

St. John's Church, Laurel Hill, sends us a very encouraging report, and the year's labors have not been without visible fruits. Twenty-five have united with the Church on confession of faith, and two have been received on certificate.

The report from the *Church of Bushwick* shows a record which ought to awaken encouragement. The Lord has blessed this Church by adding to her membership thirty-two souls; nineteen on confession and thirteen on certificate. The services have been well attended and labors of love have abounded.

The *Church of South Bushwick* reports a good degree of prosperity. "Harmony prevails," and the church services are increasingly attended. This Church has received eight on confession, and fourteen on certificate.

The *German Evangelical St. Paul's Church, Jamaica,* reports that this Church is making progress, though slowly. Ten have been added on confession, and two on certificate.

The *German Evangelical St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn,* has not been without the presence of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-one have joined the Church on confession, and seven on certificate.

The *First Reformed Church of Long Island City* reports five received on confession, and seven on certificate.

The *First Reformed Church of Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn,* reports that she, with other Churches, feels the ill effects of "financial depression," notwithstanding her people are united in heart and mind and effort. She has labored successfully among the poor and lowly. Her membership has been increased by ten on confession, and eleven on certificate.

The report from the *Church of Astoria* is most encouraging. A heavy debt has been lifted, and the Church has not been without the witness of the Spirit. Ten have openly confessed Christ; four have joined on certificate.

Every Church in the Classis has reported, and, as we said in the beginning of our report, the reports are most encouraging. This report must necessarily be imperfect, because there are fruits which are not visible and cannot be measured by numbers, or reckoned by dollars and cents. Yet the reports show that there have been collected for religious and benevolent purposes, $4,949 37; for congregational purposes, $54,654 32. Two hundred and twelve souls have united with the Church on confession of faith, and one hundred and five have been added on certificate.

During the past year the pastoral relation subsisting between the Rev. Henry De Vrees, Jr., and the Reformed Church of Jericho, was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Cayuga. The candidate Ernest Gutweiler was received from the Classis of New York, and ordained and installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of Long Island City. The Rev. Emanuel Shultz was received from the Classis of Kansas of the German Reformed Church. Rev. John A. Davis was received from the Classis of Raritan and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Oyster Bay, L. I. Rev. G. R. Garretson was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The Reformed Church of Jericho, L. I., was by action of Classis dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The past year has been in almost every respect a year of severe testing. The Church of God and the "Gospel of Christ" have been put in the crucible, the fire has burned beneath with fierce and devouring heat. The whole land has been disturbed; the minds of the people excited. In the business community there has been financial embarrassment, absolutely unparalleled. Startling developments of fraud and betrayal of trust on the part of professing Christians have again and again shocked the moral sense of the community. There has been at the same time wide and extended discussion concerning some of the fundamental truths of the word of God. We may well ask how has "the Church of God" stood the test? We do not hesitate a moment for our answer: Nobly! Magnificently! Most emphatically is this true of the Churches under the care of this Classis. They have stood firm in their adherence to the "*Truth*," as taught in the most "excellent Catechism and standards of our Reformed Dutch Church." No controversy has disturbed us. Out upon the darkness of the storm the old Church sends forth her light to illumine, cheer and save.

While we are not able to record any large accession to our Churches, yet there has been marked evidences of the presence of the Holy Ghost. There has been an increase of the spirit of prayer. Several Churches report that prayer-meetings are held either before or after the services of the Lord's day, which are largely attended. From nearly every one comes the testimony of increased attendance and deepening interest in the gatherings for social prayer and praise.

Again this year, as last, we have been called upon to give our sympathy and mingle our tears with a Church bereaved. Our beloved brother, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D., "Is not, for God has taken him." May we all be as devoted to God and truth as he was. Learned, and yet simple; firm as the rock, yet tender. How we miss him. Let us live and preach so in unity with the Master that when God's hour comes, we are ready for our victory and our crown.

We give the following extracts from the reports of the various Churches:

Church of Brooklyn, though without a pastor, reports the Church services well attended, and the prevalence of a general spirit of unanimity. The schools flourishing, and additions to the Church at almost every communion season from the scholars. Rev. J. Clement French, D.D., is engaged as stated supply, and Rev. A. N. Wyckoff continues in charge of the Mission. They thank God, and take courage.

Flatbush, L. I., reports a year of quiet church life and work. No large accessions, but an increased attendance upon the services of the Lord's day and the weekly services, a continued and deepening interest in the instruction and training of the young in the Sunday-schools. In the department of benevolence the Church refers to special efforts made in behalf of Foreign Missions, and one thousand dollars ($1,000) raised for the purpose of sending our Missionaries, Drs. Scudder and Chamberlain, back to their fields of labor.

The Rev. Charles S. Wright, a licentiate of the Classis was in June last ordained as Mission pastor in charge of the Mission connected with the Church, who has during the year labored with faithfulness and ability. The old Church is strong in the present and hopeful for the future.

New Utrecht reports that during the last year they have celebrated the two hundreth anniversary of the formation of the Church, and enters upon the third century with faith and hope in Him who has been their helper in all the past. The report regrets the prevalence of a spirit of worldliness on the part of professing Christians, yet is their faith in God and the continued prayer that God will send the Holy Spirit. In temporal things the Church is prosperous, while its benevolent contributions have increased. There is an increasing interest in the cause of Foreign Missions.

Gravesend reports that the past year, though marked by no special manifestations of the Holy Spirit, has yet been full of the blessing of God for the people. There are earnest, praying souls in the Church. Mention is made of an aged couple, past the three score and ten, who in their old age have found Christ, and are now among the most devoted. It has been a year of seed-sowing rather than harvest. The hope is inspired of better things in the days to come.

Flatlands reports: The year just closing has been a prosperous one in the history of the Church. The months just before the close of the last ecclesiastical year were marked by a season of special religious interest. During the whole of the year the meetings for prayer, both at the chapel in Flatland's Neck and in the village, have been pervaded with the spirit of devotion. The Sabbath-school work has been prosecuted with vigor and happy results. The review of the year is encouraging for the future.

New Lots reports: A year of peace and prosperity. The attendance on the church services shows increase, both in numbers and interest. The Sunday-school shows marked signs of improvement, and is full of encouragement for the future. Our people are now engaged in the erection of a new lecture-room, with the funds raised for the building and its complete equipment. The benevolence of the people is commended, with the wish expressed that a larger proportion had been contributed for our own church work. The Church is thankful in view of what God has done, and give themselves anew to the service of God.

East New York reports an increased attendance upon church services, and a marked degree of attention to the Word preached, and an increase of spirituality and unity. There is great faithfulness on the part of the officers and teachers in the Sunday-school. The prevalence of a good spirit of union and devotion.

South Brooklyn reports: "The steady, though slow growth which has marked the Church and Sabbath-school for a few years past has received a slight check from the establishment of a Mission of another denomination near by. But no valuable material has been lost. The Church is united in the service of the Master."

Middle Brooklyn reports: "That harmony of spirit and unity of purpose prevail in the Church. In addition to the usual Friday evening service, a young people's prayer-meeting is held, and also a Sabbath morning prayer-meeting before service, and an evening meeting of similar character at the close of the evening service. No large accessions, but a spirit of hope for the future."

Twelfth Street, Brooklyn, reports: "A year of continual prosperity, both in spiritual and temporal matters. Large attendance, which has tested the capacity of the church building to its utmost. The Sunday evening services, followed by a short prayer-meeting, largely attended. The Sunday-school has so grown, that both lecture-room and church are filled to overflowing. Many have been added to the Church." This Church sings a "Te Deum."

North Brooklyn reports: "A year of healthy growth, a spirit of prayer, and increased activity in His service. And, as the result, fuller harvesting of precious souls. The attendance has increased. Much growth in holy living is evident. In every department of church work are tokens of promise."

Church on the Heights.—During the year bereaved of its faithful pastor, and yet remaining vacant, sends simply the statistical table, which shows an accession of fifteen on confession and nine on certificate; and the characteristic benevolence of this giving Church maintained.

Bedford, Brooklyn, the youngest of our Churches, reports: "This, the first year of our corporate existence, has been a crucial year. Many obstacles had to be met and overcome. The results are gratifying. Progress has been made, additions received to the membership. The people are enthusiastic and confident. Sabbath services well attended, and the weekly meetings well sustained. We thank God and take courage."

Second Flatbush reports: We look back with thanks to the great Head of the Church for the blessings of the year. The Ladies' Society is active. By their efforts, five hundred dollars has been paid on the debt. "We can say the Lord is good, and His name be praised."

Canarsie reports: The constant maintenance of the Sunday services, the dedication of the church building, November 4, 1877, and an addition to the membership of eleven persons.

New Brooklyn reports a year of temporal and spiritual prosperity. The young people are specially active. The Parochial as well as the Sunday-school continues to exert an influence for good, and are flourishing. The presence of the Master and the comfort of the Holy Ghost are acknowledged.

In view of the facts thus presented, there is no reason for discouragement. An examination of the statistical table will show that the contributions of the people have fully met, if they do not exceed, any just expectation. We record, with gratitude and praise, that during this year of financial embarrassment our contributions are more than last year. We urge most emphatically upon all our Churches strict attention to the claims of the various benevolent Boards of our Church, and all the causes recommended by General Synod.

We desire to call the attention of pastors and Consistories and the membership of the Churches to the efforts that are now so generally in progress for the suppression of the gigantic evil of intemperance, and the enforcement of the excise law of 1857. We submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the ministers and elders, representatives of the Churches of the South Classis of Long Island, do hereby enjoin upon the pastors and Churches under our care that special regard be given to the enforcement of the Bible teaching concerning temperance. We desire to record, as the sense of this Classis, the firm conviction that the present state of society and the relation of this reform to the social life of our people, demand the enforcement of total abstinence from all alcoholic intoxicants, both by precept and example, on the part of all who profess to be Christians.

The changes in the ministry during the year are as follows: The student, Mr. Charles H. T. Krueger, was licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Newark. The licentiates, Revs. C. S. Wright and Jacob Whitehurst, have been ordained to the Gospel ministry, and are laboring as Mission pastors in the Flatbush and Bethany Missions. Rev. N. Pearse has been received from the Classis of Albany, and installed as pastor over the Church of New Lots. Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D., pastor of the Church on the Heights, has been called to his reward.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to present their report:

In consequence of the protracted financial embarrassments of the country, the usually large and generous gifts to the various religious and benevolent operations of the Church have been materially and visibly affected. It is feared, however, that in some instances the people of God have taken advantage of the popular cry of "hard times," and have thus with seemingly plausible excuse withheld that on which the Giver of all good has a positive claim. And yet, considering the continued depression of business, and the lack of confidence among men, the Church has maintained herself, under the blessing of God, with credit to her children, and with largeness of faith in her blessed Head.

In their legitimate work of building up, and strengthening the body of Christ, and in saving souls by the faithful preaching of the Word, all the Churches have some songs of joy to sing, and some special mercies to record. None come to us lamenting the absence of the Holy Spirit.

The *Collegiate Church* reports "for the first time in many years a diminution of membership, the number of admissions having been largely exceeded by that of deaths and dismissions. This has been due doubtless to the fact that one of our chief congregations has been without the service of a specially appointed pastor during the year. In other respects there are abundant signs of a healthy church life. The Sunday-schools are well attended and enjoy competent and careful teaching. The Mission chapels are conducted with energy and success. The various employment societies and auxiliary associations continue to flourish. And with one exception our congregations retain their numbers and spirit."

The *South Church* says: "Its external condition has been one of prosperity and peace; harmony and brotherly love have prevailed without any interruption. All the services have been well maintained. The three Sunday-schools and the Industrial-school have been in successful operation. The Mission work of the Church has been carried on with energy and a good degree of success. The pressure of the times has been severely felt in the

diminution of our benevolent collections. The ability of many members has been restricted, rather than their inclination. The congregation holds its own with remarkable steadiness, and is one of the few self-sustaining Churches now remaining in the city. We have every reason to thank God and take courage."

Harlem says: "All the usual appointments for Christian work and worship have been maintained with a good degree of harmony and efficiency. The attendance at all services has been uniformly good, and at no time better than now. The year has been characterized, we think, by a quiet, steady growth of the Church in devotedness to the cause of the Master, and at the same time the Holy Spirit has won a goodly number of trophies for our King from the ranks of the young and the middle aged."

The *Church of Staten Island* reports "the condition of the Church during the year to have been satisfactory. Those who united with the Church during the year came from the more advanced classes in the Sabbath school. Others are deeply interested in the subject of religion. There is a prayer-meeting every Saturday evening, especially designed for these young persons, the attendance at which is very encouraging, and from which good results have been derived. The members of the Church are walking consistently. Perfect harmony prevails. All the services are well attended. The Sabbath-school continues to be in a very prosperous condition."

Thirth-Fourth Street speaks with gratitude of the past year's work. "The Church has been in a continued revival mood, and God has added to our number daily, as to the Mother Church in Jerusalem. The attendance upon the preaching services has been good. The Sabbath-school has grown. During the week two meetings are sustained. We have also organized a Young People's Association. Like Paul at Appii Forum, we thank God and take courage."

Madison Avenue says: "When we made our last report we had just entered upon an engagement with Rev. Wm. Lloyd as a stated supply for a year. During the summer and fall we had a large increase in the size of the congregation and in the pew rental, and so promising did the various interests of

the Church seem, that on the first of this year we determined to take up a collection for some of the Church Boards, Bible Society, and City Missions. During the year various rumors reached the Consistory concerning our stated supply, but it was not until February, 1878, that the information became of such a character that the Consistory felt it to be their duty to require the canceling of the contract with Mr. Lloyd. Some of his friends are organizing a Presbyterian Church on Madison Avenue, and a large number of families have left us to go to that new Church. In the peculiar situation in which we find ourselves, we would ask the advice and counsel of Classis."

The *German Evangelical Mission* continues to do a good work for Christ. "Several catechumens have been received into full communion. The Week of Prayer was a marked season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The hard times, a chastisement from the Lord, have not produced such good results as had been expected. Prayer meetings are largely attended. The Sunday-school still overflows. We have taken care of our own poor, and have contributed to the different Boards of the Church. Harmony and peace prevail."

Richmond reports "that their regular services have been continued, and through faith in God's word, not in vain. Though few in number, and feeble, yet by reason of her union with the Church at Huguenots she is enabled to maintain her ground."

The *Church at Huguenots* speaks of her condition as prosperous and hopeful. The peace of God abides with this branch of the vine. The services of God's house are well attended, and the congregation is growing. The Sunday-school is prosperous. For all this we thank God and take courage."

The *Church of Mott Haven* "thankfully acknowledges the blessing of God during the past year in all departments of church work. The Sabbath-school has especially flourished. Efforts have been made, with great encouragement, to erect a new Sunday-school building."

Fourth German says, "that financially the last year has been a trying one. Yet the Lord has helped them. The sanctuary services have been well attended, and peace and harmony prevail. The Sunday-school is prosperous. Besides the catechet-

ical instruction by the pastor, the Catechisms of the Church have been taught in both departments of the school. By reason of the constant fluctuation of the German population, the Church has worked to some disadvantage, still their increase is visible."

Prospect Hill reports a year of peace and prosperity. "There are difficulties in the hardness of the times, in the frequency of family removals, and a neighborhood deteriorated by the influx of Hebrews and Romanists." A hopeful sign is that the people cry to the Father of Mercies for the greatest of all mercies, the revival of His work in and around them. "The Sabbath-school is large, and does much Missionary work. The prayer-meetings are largely attended."

Bloomingdale reports, "the regular maintenance of religion, some additions on confession of faith, and an interesting Sabbath-school, in peaceful and harmonious operation."

The *Holland Church* rejoices in the work she is quietly and studiously doing among the Holland strangers landing on our shore. In addition to this Missionary work, the Gospel is faithfully preached to a congregation constantly increasing in numbers. We rejoice with our Holland brethren in the good work they are doing.

Brookfield is no longer pastorless. The report speaks of a "steady advance in the different lines of Christian work. The field presents many encouraging aspects. During the Week of Prayer considerable interest was awakened. The audience room has been refitted in a tasteful manner, and the people seem to have a heart and mind to work. We bid them God speed."

German Avenue B comes with a "heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving because the Lord has given to it a pastor such as it needed. The work of God's kingdom is going on prosperously in the Church and in the Sunday-school. The religious services are well attended."

Union, High Bridge, reports that during the year the attendance has been increasingly good at all religious services, and the future is very hopeful.

Brighton Heights reports that "the ordinances of God's house have been all observed, and meetings well attended. For

the past few months an unusual religious interest has existed, the result of which has been gratifying. The interest is still increasing. Financially the year has been a trying one. Necessity compelled a withholding of contributions from some of the Boards of the Church. But as the prospects are brighter, there is a determination to resume the annual collections for all the Boards."

Union, Sixth Avenue, reports that "the religious feeling among the people is deepening, as is shown by increased liberality and contributions. In addition to our regular church and Sunday-school work the 'Ferris Auxiliary' to the Woman's Board has been helpful to church growth. During the past year a 'Faith Mission Board' has been organized among the young ladies and children, which has undertaken to educate a child in India. The Social and Literary Society has been eminently useful in interesting the young people in the work of the Lord."

Norfolk Street says: "Our work has been successful, except that we have much trouble with the finances. The congregations are large, and the confessions have been numerous. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition. So we will do the work of Jesus Christ in the future, and we pray that our Lord may assist us."

In thus reviewing the work of the Churches for the past year, we are convinced that there has been a steady progress in building up the Redeemer's kingdom. The flock of God has been fed, and the laborers have not labored in vain. Truly, we may erect our Ebenezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

In their peculiar situation, *Madison Avenue* asks the advice and counsel of Classis. Inasmuch as that part of the report asking for advice properly belongs to the Committee on Overtures, we beg leave to suggest that it be referred to that Committee.

As the series of church visitations during the past season have had the effect of bringing the various Churches into closer fellowship, we would recommend that a committee be appointed at this meeting of Classis, who shall report at the fall session a like series of meetings for adoption.

It has pleased God during the past year to call to his reward our brother, the Rev. L. G. Bingham, after a long service of patient toil and suffering. "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

The following changes have occurred during the year: The Rev. J. M. Ludlow, D.D., has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Wm. Lloyd to the Presbytery of New York; the licentiate, F. R. Marvin, M. D., to the Hudson River Association; and Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., to the Classis of Philadelphia. The Rev. Abraham Thompson has been received from the Classis of Illinois; Rev. Jacob Schlegel, from the German Evangelical Synod of the West, and installed pastor of Avenue B; and Rev. F. M. Bogardus, from the Classis of Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. MERRITT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

In looking over the reports from the Churches, we note the absence of reports from Callicoon, Fremont, Hortonville, Jeffersonville, North Branch, Upper and Lower Walpack.

The number of families reported is over one hundred larger than last year. The number received on confession is 133, or 43 less than last year. The number received by certificate is 86, or 16 more than last year. The total additions, 219, which is 27 less than last year.

In benevolent contributions the footings show $3,853 89, against $4,437 54 last year, a decrease of $583 65. The financial depression which has compelled many of the Churches to struggle for existence, has operated both against their spiritual growth and their Christian giving. In their own language, they find it impossible to give that which they do not have to give.

Yet we find encouragement in the fact that our Churches still live, and are comparatively prosperous, notwithstanding the prostrate condition of the business world.

Berea reports no special interest. They are still holding their ground, and looking for the fulfilling of the promise that He who giveth the early and the latter rain will give the increase.

Bloomingburgh has not been left without the witness of the Spirit. Although they have nothing remarkable to record, there has been more than usual attention to the Word, the attendance has been good, and the young seem to be interested.

Claryville thanks God for His love to them as a Church. He has heard their prayers, has added numbers already, and still there are signs of increase.

Cuddebackville reports no encouraging results; yet the interest manifested in the attendance warrants hope for the future.

Deerpark reports a growing unity among the membership, and the liberality manifested betokens an advanced growth in the near future. A generous donation from one of their number has erected a large and commodious edifice for lecture-room and Sabbath-school, pastor's study and church parlor; an example of liberality worthy of imitation by all to whom God has given wealth. And yet while they are contributing to their own comfort, they have not been wanting in Christian liberality.

Ellenville reports a condition of things both encouraging and discouraging; many revived and quickened, and yet few added to the Church. The financial depression has borne heavily upon their congreation, and crippled their benevolence.

Fallsburgh celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its organization during the past year; and, while growing in age, it has not diminished its zeal in the cause of the Master, but holds on its way with a steady step.

Grahamville reports a hopeful condition of things spiritually, but financially they are very weak.

Kerhonkson.—Here the ways of Zion mourn; financial depression causes leanness of soul. Still they work on, trusting in Him who is perfect strength.

Mamakating.—Here God has set His seal to His truth in an encouraging way. Their progress compares favorably with that of larger Churches. While they gratefully recognize the mercy of the Lord to others, they would also recognize in it an exhortation to themselves to increased zeal, strength, faith and larger expectations in the future.

Montgomery has enjoyed ordinary success in financial and spiritual matters, and has provided in full for the debt on their church. They have been afflicted by the loss of several godly members, two of them being acting Elders. But, though these faithful standard-bearers have fallen, God has raised up others to take their places. And while doing a good work at home, we have not forgotten the cause of Christ and the welfare of the Church at large.

Newburgh speaks of unprecedented prosperity and peace; going forward successfully in temporal things. The attendance has never been so large in the history of the Church; the spiritual growth is marked, and it is evident that the Holy Spirit is crowning the work done with His blessing. This prosperity indicates a faithful ministry, and yet they ascribe all glory to God.

Minnisink has been greatly blessed during the past year. The Spirit of the Lord has wrought, souls have been saved, and the Church built up.

New Hurley reports no particular change in the condition of the Church. A beloved and trusted Elder has died; additions to the Church have been made, though fewer than in former years.

New Prospect reports improvement in some particulars; in others, no change. They thank God for some indications of the presence of His Holy Spirit.

Shawangunk reports, with humility and sorrow, that not in ten years have they been compelled to present such meagre results of their labor. The work has been faithfully performed and yet the desired blessing tarries. Instead of increase, there has been decrease. While suffering under continued monetary depression, they fear lest a mistake has been made in beginning retrenchment at the house of the Lord.

Walden.—This Church still lives, and, by the blessing of God, holds its own among the Churches. The past year has been one of struggle, in sympathy with general depression of the country, yet they have not dared to omit their duty, and are encouraged by the promise, "Lo, I am with you always."

Wallkill Valley mentions no special interest in spiritual things; yet has a good attendance upon the sanctuary; they are encouraged to hope that soon the Lord will give them a large increase.

Wawarsing reports small results, yet that fact does not represent the true state of the case, for there are indications of a spiritual harvest in the near future.

The following ministerial changes have occurred: Rev. B. C. Lippincott has been dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. R. DeWitt has been received from the Classis of Paramus and installed over the Church of Wallkill Valley; George D. Lydecker, a licentiate of the Classis of Paramus, has been received, ordained and installed over the Church of Bloomingburgh; the licentiate, Jesse F. Shafer, has been ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Lehigh, Pa.

L. L. COMFORT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

Your Committee would report that the news from the Churches is, all things considered, cheering. Harmony, fidelity and growth may be seen in all parts of the Classis. In spite, however, of all good tidings, we cannot but feel that we have not filled up our measure of duty, nor realized our anticipations.

An examination of the accompanying statistics reveals a falling off in additions by confession; 91 in 1877-8; 96 in 1876-7; 118 in 1875-6.

The total number in communion is apparently less than one year ago, owing to the revision of lists in a number of instances.

In reference to benevolent contributions we find much to be thankful for, yet nothing to *pride* ourselves upon. Our contributions as a Classis have increased over last year's, by about $900. Although our congregational expenses have been reduced over $4,000 in the same time, the gain, however, represents only 59 cents per member, the average for past year being $3 61. While we ought to be thankful for even this slight increase, we should ask ourselves whether we have yet come up to our duty in this respect.

First Poughkeepsie reports services well sustained and steady growth in membership. A large number of members have been removed by death; among others who have gone home are Elders Henry D. Varick and Chas. M. Pelton, to whose faithful service the Consistory pays grateful tribute.

Second Poughkeepsie thankfully reports enlarged congregations, increased interest in all services, and the largest number of additions on confession received during any year of the present pastorate. In this Church also the ravages of death have been seriously felt.

Fishkill reports growth, liberality, harmony and loyalty. Two young ladies, members of this Church, are to be sent to the Mission field of Nagasaki.

Hopewell reports a year of broken labor, but of unbroken blessing, also large increase in benevolent contributions, attributed to a plan of systematic benevolence recently introduced. Thankful to begin the new year with labors fully resumed, she awaits a full fruition.

New Hackensack reports temporal affairs prosperous and attendance good. The laborers are sowing the seed in faith, looking for the harvest.

Rhinebeck reports services well sustained. Church building and lecture room repaired and improved.

Fishkill on Hudson reports that the year has been one of goodness and mercy. Services have been well attended; Sabbath-school is prosperous; benevolence increased.

Hyde Park reports unanimity and expectation. The attendance upon the preaching of the Word is encouraging and the future is bright with hope.

Glenham reports continued prosperity during the year, and the prospect of increased usefulness in the future. The dissolution of the partnership heretofore existing with Troionda Chapel, will give the Church the full work of its ministry.

Cold Spring. The courage, steadfastness and loyalty of our sister seem to be unfailing. Rev. Wm. A. Shaw has continued to serve as stated supply.

Millbrook reports that a review of the work affords ground for thanksgiving to God, and encouragement to hope for blessings not far off.

Ministerial Changes. The pastoral relation between Rev H. Dater and the Church of Hyde Park has been dissolved. Rev. G. R. Garretson has been received from the North Classis of Long Island, and installed as pastor of the Church of Hyde Park.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend, 1st, that pastors read the report of their respective Churches to the congregation as a means of awakening deeper interest in church work; 2d, that efforts be made in all the Churches to secure systematic instead of spasmodic benevolence; 3d, that the reading of reports be followed by a half-hour of devotional exercises, that we may seek increased power and blessing in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. VAN DEVENTER *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion report that they have received statistical statements from all the Churches in the Classis, to which have been added, in most cases, several explanatory remarks.

A few sentences from each of the consistorial reports will enable the Classis to judge in regard to the situation. We quote the following:

Church of Bronxville. "During the year we have begun a Mission at a place called Union Corners, where we hold school every Sunday afternoon, and preaching once in three weeks of a Sunday evening. The school has grown in three months from one scholar to twelve, and the evening attendance always more than fills the little school-house where we meet. Our ladies are supporting two girls in foreign schools, one in Japan, the other in China, and they have sent off two Mission boxes, one to our own frontier, and one to Japan."

Church of Courtlandtown. "The interest in our religious services is still kept up. The Sabbath day services, especially, are well attended, although the contributions for benevolent purposes do not increase. This is accounted for on the ground that the people are poor and have felt very severely the pressure of hard times."

Church of Fordham. "We can report prosperity both in spiritual and temporal interests. Nineteen additions to our communion. We have for the first in several years taken up collections regularly for our Boards and benevolent objects recommended by Synod. The financials are in an improved condition, no debt except a slight deficiency in current expenses, which we expect to provide for when due. The Sabbath-school is in a prosperous state. Increasing attendance upon the preached word. Above all a more decided tone of piety, and general interest in spiritual things than formerly.

Church of Greenburgh. Nothing in addition to the statistical report has been received.

Church of Greenville. "Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the congregation. Our Sabbath and weekly services have been maintained during the year, and have been very satisfactorily attended. The state of spiritual things with us, though not what we could desire, is yet wholesome and encouraging."

Church of Hastings. "Our village is still undergoing a process of depletion, and 25 families connected with our Church and Sabbath-school have left during the past year. Five Sabbath and three week-day services are sustained, and $1,500 has been raised to improve our music. We have lost by death Mr. John K. Myers, who has been for many years one of the main supports of the Church."

Church of Melrose.—We have been obliged to revise our list of members, and have dropped the names of a number of whose whereabouts and present manner of life we know nothing. Part of them joined other Churches years ago without asking to be dismissed, others have moved away, or turned to the world again. One of our most faithful Elders has been called to his heavenly rest, and another we have had to release on account of sickness. Our Sunday-school is flourishing and increases very fast. The Ladies' Society is an efficient help; the services are well attended, and many strangers and young people are present. At our last meeting it was resolved to erect a new church building to the honor of our God, and, although the times are hard and most of our people are poor working

men, we hope, with the assistance of our glorious Master and the help of our Christian friends, to succeed.

Church of Mount Vernon.—As usual, the statistical table comprises the main facts in the year's history. The chapel has been completed, and proves a great convenience in church work. At no time in all the Church's history have there been so many additions, both by profession and certificate, as this year. Entire harmony has prevailed, and the Sunday services have been well attended; the Consistory feels that it has great reason for gratitude in view of the year's experience.

Church of Peekskill.—"We have enjoyed a moderate prosperity, and have every reason for encouragement as we go forward into the new year, believing that there is good work to be done in and by the Church, and a way open to do it. The average attendance upon the church services has been good, and in the Sabbath-school there has been a decided increase."

First Church of Tarrytown.—"We are thankful for a year of even prosperity. Our Sabbath attendance has been larger than ever, and week-night meetings unusually full. Amidst the depression of the times we have been able to meet our expenses, and lessen somewhat the small debt resting upon us. While we cannot speak of marked spiritual blessings, the Church has been well sustained."

Second Church of Tarrytown.—"In addition to the statistical report, we have but little to mention beyond the ordinary experience. The attendance has been about as heretofore, with some increase at the evening services. During a part of the year this has been quite marked. The treasurer reports the amount received as slightly above that expended. Our benevolent contributions have somewhat fallen off, for which we are sorry. It is owing to the general business derangement which has affected this Church beyond many others. On July 17, 1877, our church steeple was struck by lightning, and burned down to the roof. It seemed at one time as if both the church and the parsonage adjoining would be laid in ashes, but a kind Providence interposed in our peril, for which we are humbly thankful. The damage has been entirely repaired, and a more graceful steeple has taken the place of the old one."

Church of Unionville.—Nothing in addition to the statistical report has been received.

Church of West Farms.—"The spiritual condition of our Church is healthy, so far as we can judge by the activity and earnestness of its members, in the interest they take in our prayer-meetings and in Sabbath-school work. Every member of the Consistory is engaged regularly in the Sabbath-school, either as teacher or officer. Our school is flourishing and in a very promising condition. Our prayer-meetings are well sustained, and with apparent interest and profit. Several persons are now inquiring the way of salvation. We have had an encouraging accession during the year, and we hope others will soon be gathered into the fold of Christ."

Church of Yonkers.—This Church "has enjoyed unusual blessing. We received large additions during the first half of the year, but in October, a revival, unprecedented in its history for power and extent, began in our city. Our Church shared largely in its happy results. It has not even yet reaped its direct harvest entire, while as to its remote issues, none can estimate what they will be. During the entire year we have received 50 new families, more than half of them previously not accustomed to go to church. The accession to the communion membership has been 80, a solid gain of 50, after deducting for deaths and for an unusual number of dismissions. Our new material has brought a large increase of attendants upon church services, and contributes a vigorous addition to the working life of the Church. God has done great things for us, and blessed be His holy name."

The Rev. G. Windemuth has been dismissed to the Classis of Bergen. This is the only ministerial change during the year.

JOHN A. TODD, *Chairman.*

CLASIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
														Rupees.	Rupees.	
Arnee and 1 out station	John Scudder, M. D.	18	....	....	16	....	....	17	2	....	24	73	.....	*4	1 8	Vellore, Madras Pres'y, India.
Alliendial	" " "	22	....	....	4	....	3	23	2	3	11	77	.....	4 12	2 4	" " "
Arcot and 4 out stations	Zechariah John	65	....	10	6	5	11	53	....	....	124	397	.....	51 7 3		
Chittoor	Andrew Sawyer	46	....	....	....	....	....	86	....	....	1	221	.....	54	24 10	Chittoor, Madras Pres'y, India.
Coonoor	John Scudder, M. D.	54	1	5	....	1	....	57	2	2	3	191	.....	42 13 5	.....	Vellore
Gnaodiam and 1 out stat.	" "	27	1	....	5	....	5	46	2	....	9	138	.....	6 12	4 8	"
Kandipatur and 1 "	" "	51	4	4	....	....	3	31	2	....	70	187	.....	17 15	10 2	"
Kattupadi and 3 "	" "	28	1	....	....	....	2	14	4	1	37	94	.....	9 10	9	"
Kolapakam and 2 "	John H. Wyckoff	40	....	....	....	6	....	37	3	....	58	168	.....	4	1 8	Tindevanum, Mad. Pres'y India
Kattapelli and 4 "	Andrew Sawyer	111	....	....	....	....	3	34	....	....	187	428	.....	16 8	.....	Chittoor
Marutuvambadi	John Scudder, M. D.	21	....	2	2	....	....	18	2	....	27	93	.....	1 8	1 8	Vellore
Mudnapilly and 5 out stat.	" "	26	....	....	6	....	1	20	6	....	24	....	.....	6 5	36 6 10	"
Narasinganur	John H. Wyckoff	29	....	....	....	....	4	31	1	....	28	128	.....	5 5	1 8	Tindevanum
Palamanair	John Scudder, M. D.	8	....	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	1	32	.....	3	22 8 7	Vellore
Orattur and 2 out stations	John H. Wyckoff	74	1	6	....	....	7	68	8	1	80	280	.....	31 9	9 12	Tindevanum
Sattampadi and 2 out stat.	John Scudder, M. D.	61	1	4	2	....	4	38	1	....	74	250	.....	25 13	4 8	Vellore
Varikkal and 1 out station	John H. Wyckoff	43	....	....	....	....	4	19	1	....	52	197	.....	13 11 7	4 8	Tindevanum
Sekadu and 2 out stations	John Scudder, M. D.	46	....	4	4	....	2	13	....	....	79	165	.....	8 9	5 4	Vellore
Vellambi	Zechariah John	77	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	114	283	.....	3 6 1		
Vellore	John Scudder, M. D.	46	8	4	2	....	2	67	13	1	11	195	.....	78 5 9	26 4	
	Total	893	17	39	47	12	51	719	49	8	1014	3597	.....	383 9 3	165 11 5	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. Chamberlain, M. D. Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M. D. Rev. E. J. Heeren, America.

Candidate.—Moses Nathaniel.

* A Rupee is worth about fifty cents in gold.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	Thomas B. McLeod	225	11	9	12	...	6	417	11	1	.....	1	250	$1,717	$15,250	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	.....	13	....	5	...	5	225	11	7	.....	4	250	871 50	1,996	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	....	2	1	...	5	190	2	....	.....	2	200	762 20	2,022 55	Mellenville, "
Linlithgo	Thomas S. Dusinberre	95	2	1	2	1	4	131	6	1	.....	1	75	248 51	1,676 17	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	98	7	4	4	...	5	260	6	1	.....	2	160	360	1,400	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	105	3	8	...	...	4	192	2	....	.....	1	107	100	1,558 58	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	E. C. Scudder, S. S.	80	8	4	1	...	2	150	4	2	.....	1	125	265 60	1,422 29	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanic	James C. Garretson	80	2	2	3	...	3	*112	4	....	.....	2	75	40 30	.....	West Copake, "
Gallatin	De Witt B. Wyckoff	77	5	2	3	...	...	*140	3	4	.....	1	84	144 26	1,014 15	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Ch. at Linlithgo	Vacant	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Linlithgo, "
	Total	960	51	32	31	1	34	1817	49	16	.....	15	1326	$4,009 87	$26,339 74	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson. Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson. Rev. P. Van Wyck, (s. c.) Hudson. Rev. J. H. Pitcher, Upper Red Hook.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	75	2	....	....	....	4	140	3	3	10	.....	80	$16 52	$529 51	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	155	27	7	12	....	8	229	7	4	75	3	355	285 31	1,592 03	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	William N. Todd	100	2	....	5	....	1	161	3	1	.....	1	145	29 39	724 52	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	2	1	4	....	2	93	2	1	87	4	172	61 76	1,443 87	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	60	1	....	3	....	....	112	5	1	30	1	80	115 79	726 45	Kingston, " "
Kingston, Second Church	James Demarest, Jr.	150	5	2	9	1	6	344	3	1	.....	1	198	768 35	2,988 68	" "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	53	1	7	....	....	2	81	5	1	40	1	100	8 61	426	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	" "	65	4	....	4	....	....	132	16	3	30	1	30	11 42	238 57	" "
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	106	6	5	....	....	2	238	3	3	50	1	80	55 07	1,680 82	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbleton, North Church	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.	60	6	3	5	....	2	118	3	4	50	1	80	48 78	439	" "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	256	10	8	3	....	8	413	16	7	205	7	317	707 65	2,108 40	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	129	29	1	....	....	3	153	10	7	50	5	380	.....	1,856 12	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Isaac S. Schenck	75	17	2	3	....	11	122	8	9	.....	1	80	23	648 34	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	William N. Todd	28	5	....	....	....	1	80	2	....	.....	1	65	4 18	443 21	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1412	117	36	48	1	45	2431	80	45	627	29	2162	$2,136 83	$15,645 52	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, (Emeritus), Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	150	7	15	3	...	...	256	14	...	.....	1	125	$349 53	$3,361 17	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	103	5	....	3	...	4	210	21	2	.....	3	275	349 87	2,595 76	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John A. Davis	110	4	6	1	...	...	121	....	3	.....	2	110	165 05	1,150	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	92	8	4	2	...	2	130	5	4	.....	2	120	62 23	2,017 44	Manhassett, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	250	10	11	4	...	2	....	9	5	.....	3	1500	1,000	10,665 74	Brooklyn, E. D.,
Astoria	M. L. Haines	93	10	4	2	...	1	201	4	4	.....	1	240	738 34	5,041 46	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	95	1	2	4	...	8	198	4	....	75	1	140	312	3,290 43	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	235	18	18	7	...	1	403	18	6	.....	1	628	566 88	7,467 11	143 Noble st., Br'klyn, E. D., "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	100	8	14	1	...	3	201	6	3	.....	1	350	225	4,200	15 Himrod st., " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	4	....	....	...	1	174	60	....	24	1	150	20	900	Astoria, "
East Williamsburgh	William Ferris	30	....	....	3	...	1	26	1	....	50	1	80	127 11	381 61	220 S. 5th st., Br'klyn, E. D., "
Second Newtown	John Wenisch	32	12	....	....	...	2	75	13	....	16	1	30	26 25	150	Newtown, "
Queens	Andrew Hagaman	94	9	2	1	...	2	136	8	3	98	1	129	266 66	1,758 39	Queens, "
Germ. Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	260	31	3	1	...	7	444	57	....	300	1	600	192 85	1,490 75	315 Graham av., Br'klyn, E.D. "
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	49	5	5	5	4	1	72	11	....	18	1	95	21 35	410 48	Sayville, "
Locust Valley	H. P. Craig	58	6	1	1	...	1	52	4	5	.....	1	90	87 05	785 83	Glen Cove, "
College Point	E. S. Fairchild	35	15	1	...	...	1	78	16	1	15	1	200	140 25	3,685 75	College Point, "
Laurel Hill	Emanuel Schultz*	35	25	2	8	...	...	60	4	....	5	1	74	30 19	353	Long Island City, "
First Long Island City	Ernest Gutweiler	34	5	7	2	...	1	30	2	....	.....	1	125	5 13	396 68	" " "
Bushwick	Henry A. Powell	130	19	13	3	1	2	168	20	7	.....	1	500	388 54	3,632 67	12 Orient av., Br'klyn, E. D., "
German Ev., Jamaica	Julius Hones	36	10	2	...	...	1	....	15	....	7	1	30	12 10	850	Jamaica, "
	Total	2111	212	105	51	5	41	3035	292	43	608	27	5591	$5,086 38	$54,214 27	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. Alliger, New York City. W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.), New Brunswick, N. J. Minor Swick, Farmer Village, N. Y.

* Pastor elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Brooklyn	Vacant	131	21	5	22	...	3	454	8	5	.....	2	650	$10,250 78	$7,910	
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	*120	5	....	7	...	4	216	8	....	150	1	336	6,859 62	3,000	Flatbush, L. I.
Flatbush Mission	Charles S. Wright	60	5	....	....	....	....	35	1	1	.....	1	30	169 08	190	New Utrecht, "
New Utrecht	Davis S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	98	8	5	6	...	2	250	10	1	100	3	330	1,010 01	2,662 18	" "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	5	3	1	...	2	202	13	...	75	2	190	472 02	2,012 65	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	14	5	....	....	1	184	14	1	60	2	218	620 61	2,800	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	4	3	....	....	1	157	10	1	.....	1	113	805 87	1,677 44	East New York, "
East New York	William J. Hill	75	6	8	9	...	1	128	4	....	200	1	300	319 09	2,230 18	" " "
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	50	4	4	1	....	....	56	11	1	110	1	150	224 47	1,819 15	1059 Third av., Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	238	7	20	18	1	7	550	16	3	.....	1	417	843	10,400	365 Union st., " "
Twelfth st., Brooklyn	Uriah D. Gulick	185	64	44	7	...	9	540	29	14	413	1	1156	819 37	8,891 01	257 Twelfth st., " "
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson	94	30	13	5	...	3	207	12	5	.....	1	316	611 13	4,008 64	180 Clermont av., " "
Ch. on the Heights, Br'kln	Vacant	125	15	9	26	...	8	385	5	5	100	2	500	7,107 85	7,946 73	
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C Suckow	80	4	....	....	....	4	181	76	....	80	1	150	48	1,025 80	772 Herkimer st., " "
Bedford, Brooklyn	Peter E. Kipp	66	15	41	2	....	....	132	8	2	.....	1	200	145 60	2,891 50	676 Bedford av., " "
Second Flatbush	H. A. Freidel	50	10	....	.	...	1	98	17	....	8	1	56	45	1,572	Flatbush, "
Carnarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	20	11	....	....	....	....	66	13	....	8	1	60	.....	888	East New York, "
	Total	1662	228	162	104	1	46	3841	255	39	1254	28	5167	$30,351 50	$61,510 28	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw, in charge of Collegiate Chapel, Fifty-fourth street, New York. Rev. John M. Van Buren. Rev. John H. Manning, Rev. Robert G. Strong. Rev. N. P. Pierce. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, in charge of Centennial Chapel of the Church of Brooklyn. Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel of the Church-on-the-Heights, Brooklyn. Rev. John A. Lansing.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
	Thomas E. Vermilye															15 West 56th st., N. Y.
Collegiate, New York	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)															70 West 36th st., "
	William Ormiston															17 West 32d st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	700	33	27	66	...	29	1991	20	1	950	7	2100	$22,594 92		327 East 124th st., "
South New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	140	18	4	3	...	5	320	7	5	258	1	601	1,345 78		42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	200	20	....	4	...	3	581	17	2	....	3	550	5,012 47	$13,100	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	140	6	3	4	...	12	328	3	....	250	2	400	414 16	4,125 69	240 West 53d st., N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Vacant		5	....	1	...	1	70	3	....	91	1	91	....	....	
Thirty-fourth Street	Carlos Martyn	43	21	46	15	...	1	*177	....	2	150	1	150	1,100 19	9,391 19	449 West 34th st.. "
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	288	21	32	11	...	6	418	15	10	284	1	284	850	4,851	82 Second st., "
Richmond, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	195	39	2	7	...	5	446	38	3	60	2	650	1,550 40	1,893 36	Stapleton, S. I.
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	....	....	....	2	...	1	39	....	....	....	2	70	11 13	....	" "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck DuBois	....	....	....	2	...	1	44	5	....	....	1	80	151 89	....	
Union, High Bridge	Hasbrouck DuBois, S. S.	120	10	8	5	...	4	258	12	4	250	1	475	575	3,100	145th st., cor. 3d av.. N. Y.
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	35	1	....	....	....	....	45	1	....	....	1	113	147 96	717 60	" " "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	62	18	....	....	...	1	235	21	....	34	1	235	73 74	1,309 35	248 West 40th st.. "
Holland	A. H. Beckhold	53	2	2	6	...	1	143	6	1	203	1	364	542	2,900	231 East 86th st.. "
Brookfield, Conn	F. M. Bogardus	100	6	5	3	...	....	95	5	....	8	....	....	10 61	174 84	279 West 11th st.. "
Avenue B. Ger. Evan	Jacob Schlegel	45	2	....	....	...	....	61	5	2	....	1	70	18	800	Brookfield, Conn.
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	43	33	10	7	...	1	182	38	....	24	1	235	153	1,566 83	602 Fifth st., N. Y.
Union, Sixth Avenue	William B. Merritt	130	13	....	4	...	....	221	10	....	190	1	295	120 21	3,103 70	Tompkinsville, S. I.
German, Norfolk Street	G. L. Neef	....	7	4	15	...	5	305	12	3	75	1	250	450 01	6,595 21	34 Charles st., N. Y.
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.		200	76	1	7	...	6	600	35	2	50	1	500	502 18	1,796 98	129 Norfolk st., "
	Total	2439	331	146	160	...	82	6554	253	35	2877	30	7518	$35,008 60	$55,425 75	

Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, China. Charles H. H. Wolff, Japan.
Mission Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th street, N. Y. Abraham Thompson, 514 Ninth avenue, N. Y.
Other Ministers.—M. S. Hutton, 47 East 9th street, N. Y. John Forsyth, West Point, N. Y. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, S. I. J. B. Steele, New Brunswick, N. J. E. Wiggins, New York. W. H. Miller, Plainfield, N. J.

* Eighteen of this number should have been reported last year.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Berea	Lawrence L. Comfort	60	....	2	2	...	2	118	5	....	30	1	80	$122	$915 75	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomingburgh	George D. Lydecker	49	5	3	16	...	3	82	3	1	20	1	60	.....	1,225	Bloomingburgh, Sull. Co., "
Callicoon	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Callicoon, " "
Claraville	Richard P. Milliken, S. S.	25	12	....	.....	...	2	37	2	4	.....	1	25	.....	147	Claraville, " "
Cuddebackville	John Dubois	56	1	....	3	...	1	63	....	1	70	1	93	31 75	433 25	Cuddebackville, Orange Co. "
Deerpark	Henry M. Voorhees	160	9	7	2	...	4	265	2	2	160	2	406	759 76	3,170 23	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley, (s. c.)	80	3	9	2	...	1	*231	4	....	.....	1	124	124 12	2,045	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	80	7	....	1	1	2	110	4	4	25	1	135	79	810	Fallsburgh, Sullivan Co., "
Fremont	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Fremont, " "
Grahamville	Richard P. Milliken	45	7	1	1	...	...	99	....	8	.....	2	100	10	423 25	Grahamville, " "
Hortonville	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Callicoon Depot. " "
Jeffersonville	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	Peter B. Crolius	90	3	3	2	...	...	110	8	1	25	1	60	4	400	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	Augustus F. Todd, S. S.	50	14	10	.....	...	3	102	....	8	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Wurtsboro, Sullivan Co., "
Minnisink	Vacant	88	16	4	3	...	2	45	5	10	.....	2	170	15	656 39	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	6	3	...	1	4	410	11	1	150	1	220	†1,251 22	3,135 35	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh	J. Halsted Carroll	323	23	25	5	2	4	576	15	8	248	1	280	569 83	4,475 68	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	107	5	1	5	...	2	162	8	1	.....	5	205	161	1,166	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	*80	7	2	4	...	...	130	3	....	.....	2	.....	87 06	.....	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	North Branch, Sull'n Co., "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	85	1	1	3	...	4	258	9	....	40	4	120	59	850	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker	80	6	6	4	...	5	200	7	1	75	1	125	400	1,300	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	Richard De Witt	70	6	4	4	...	1	114	8	1	.....	1	75	65 85	1,445	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dingman's B'dge, Pike Co. N.J.
" Lower	Vacant	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bushkill, " "
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	105	2	5	...	...	...	151	3	1	40	3	290	113 30	1,584	Napanock, Ulster Co., N. Y.
	Total	1813	133	86	57	4	40	3263	97	52	883	32	2562	$3,853 89	$24,181 90	

Other Ministers.—Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghampton, Broome Co., N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburgh, Pa. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.

* No report. † To this by order of Classis add bequest of William Shafer, giving $3,000 to Board of Education and $1,000 to Foreign Board.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	21	15	9	...	16	495	7	8	.....	1	350	$2,510 46	$3,846 67	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	145	21	8	6	...	8	321	5	7	25	1	150	2,042 04	5,905 51	" "
Fishkill	A. Anderson	91	13	4	3	...	4	190	3	6	.....	1	121	616 10	2,607	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	136	6	6	1	...	3	256	8	2	75	6	257	689	1,153 35	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	100	3	1	2	...	3	*141	1	1	40	5	200	293 14	1,208	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	*105	6	4	3	...	3	*225	2	4	.....	1	151	562 23	1,472 62	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	9	5	4	...	3	237	4	2	.....	1	175	874 18	3,024 96	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	G. R. Garretson	75	2	5	9	...	2	146	5	1	8	1	59	18 87	1,481 31	Hyde Park, "
Glenham‡	J. C. Van Deventer	*44	4	1	.....	.....	.....	*56	.....	.....	.....	1	86	118 39	619 08	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant †	23	.....	.....	1	...	1	41	.....	.....	15	1	45	9 81	425	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	82	6	4	1	...	1	117	6	3	.....	2	120	318 20	1,850 02	Millbrook, "
	Total	1111	91	53	39	...	44	2215	41	34	163	21	1714	$8,002 42	$23,593 52	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J.

* Revised reports. † Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, Stated Supply. ‡ Not including Tioronda Chapel.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	John Hutchins	40	4	....	2	....	4	62	5	....	....	2	92	$334 74	$1,787 12	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	80	4	7	2	1	2	65	7	3	50	1	96	22 06	727 92	Montrose, "
Fordham	William Anderson	50	9	10	....	....	....	79	3	3	.....	1	150	60	1,908 45	Fordham, " City.
Greenburgh	James H. Hoyt	36	3	2	1	....	2	36	1	1	.....	1	60	.....	750	Tarrytown, "
Greenville	Richard L. Schoonmaker.	45	2	....	....	....	1	68	4	....	.....	1	55	.....	1,100	Scarsdale, "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	80	8	....	6	....	3	180	3	1	.....	2	192	710	4,156	Hastings-on-Hudson, "
Melrose	John E. Lang	50	16	....	....	....	12	*69	56	....	25	1	280	15	847 72	Morrisania, " City.
Mount Vernon	Manclus H. Hutton, (s. c.)	129	16	26	10	....	4	274	11	4	155	1	206	352 06	5,240 41	Mount Vernon, "
Peekskill	Isaac L. Kipp	75	4	3	....	....	2	128	9	1	.....	1	120	213 32	2,375	Peekskill, "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	118	10	3	1	1	4	245	7	5	.....	1	175	758 38	4,540 65	North Tarrytown, "
Tarrytown, Second	John A Todd	100	6	5	11	1	4	320	6	2	50	1	.....	816 95	4,926 06	Tarrytown, "
Unionville	Howard Harris	41	....	....	....	....	....	45	1	....	35	1	92	75	1,352	Neperan, "
West Farms	John Simonson	42	8	....	1	....	2	53	11	....	43	1	109	197 81	789 60	West Farms, " City.
Yonkers	David Cole	170	66	14	27	....	3	362	23	25	190	1	475	1,042 32	5,355 94	Yonkers, "
	Total	1056	156	70	61	3	43	1996	147	45	548	16	2102	$4,597 64	$35,851 87	

Other Ministers.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau street, N. Y. City. F. Bagley, West New Brighton, S. I. William Brush, Morristown, N. J. L. H. Van Dyck, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City.

* Revised list.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1878.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd		Now in Communion.	BAP.		No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		No. of Sab Schools.	Total No. Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
													Rupees.	Rupees.	
Arcot	20	7	1	893	17	39	719	49	8	1014	....	* 1029	383 9 3	165 11 5	J. H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	10	12	..	960	51	32	1817	49	16	.....	15	1326	$4,009 37	$26,339 74	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Kingston	14	13	..	1412	117	26	2431	86	45	627	29	2162	2,136 83	15,645 52	Ph. Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	21	27	..	2111	212	105	3035	292	43	608	27	5591	4,959 27	54,214 27	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	16	26	..	1662	528	162	3841	255	39	1254	23	5167	30,351 50	61,510 28	David S. Sutphen.
New York	21	31	..	2439	331	146	6554	253	35	2877	30	7513	35,603 60	55,425 75	Talbot W. Chambers.
Orange	26	24	..	1813	133	86	3263	97	52	883	32	2562	3,853 89	24,181 90	Edward W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	..	1111	91	53	2215	41	34	163	21	1714	8,002 42	23,503 52	Acmon P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	19	..	1056	156	70	1996	147	45	548	16	2102	4,597 64	35,851 87	Mancius H. Hutton.
Total	153	173	1	18457	1836	729	25871	1269	317	7974	198	29166	$93,514 52	$296,762 85	

* Classis of Arcot reports 3,597 under "Biblical Instruction."

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported on the Book of Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson report that they have examined the Minutes and find that they have been kept correctly in accordance with the rules of Synod. But they would call attention to the singular fact that every Church in the Classis responded "No" to the seventh question of Section 7, Article 7 of the Constitution. Why is this ?

Respectfully,

J. A. HARPER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston, and find them correct. Constitutional questions satisfactorily answered, except three, which answered "No" to the sixth question.

WM. H. HILL, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes and find them correctly kept. Constitutional questions : 2d question ten negatives, but all preach on the Catechism. 3d, two "No" to first clause of question, and "Yes" to second clause ; six "Yes" to first clause and "No" to second clause. 4th, three answer "No." 6th, three answer "No." 7th, fourteen answer "No."

CARLOS MARTYN, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—Your Committee report that the only fact to which they desire to call the attention of Synod is, that all the Churches, with one exception, answer "Yes" to the 2d question of the constitutional inquiries.

P. VAN WYCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of New York would report that they have examined the Minutes and found them correctly kept.

To the second question of the constitutional inquiries, two Churches answered—No. Three answered—Not regularly.

In the Minutes of the Regular Session, April 16, 1878, we notice the following item:

"The Stated Clerk on behalf of the Committee *ad interim*, reported that they had dismissed the Rev. F. R. Marvin to the Hudson River Association. Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D.D., to the Classis of Philadelphia. Rev. Wm. Lloyd to the Presbytery of New York."

From this it seems that the power of dismissing ministers is delegated to a committee during the interval between the regular meetings of Classis. The power of dismissing ministers is given only to *the Classis* by the Constitution, and, in the judgment of your Committee, should be exercised only by Classis.

Resolved, That the Synod of New York enjoins the observance of this Constitutional mode of dismissing ministers, upon all the Classes composing it.

WM. N. TODD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—No Book of Minutes of Classis of Orange has come into the hand of your Committee.

J. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes and found them neatly and correctly kept, and that they are approved.

M. F. LEIBENAU, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—Your Committee report that they have given these Minutes a thorough examination and find them correctly kept. They would call attention to the fact that *two* of the fourteen Churches responding to the Constitutional questions, answer negatively to question 6; eight answer negatively to question 8; and twelve answer negatively to question 7.

W. S. BROWN, *Chairman.*

The Synod has heard with regret the numerous negative answers recorded in many of the Minutes of the Classes of Synod to the constitutional inquiries, therefore,

Resolved, That Synod enjoins upon the several Classes the need of careful attention to answers given by ministers and Churches to constitutional inquiries, and of earnest effort to have the injunctions of the Constitution and of the General Synod carefully obeyed.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would respectfully report :

That a communication from the Rev. George A. Mills, of the Classis of Rensselaer, has been referred to and considered by them. The instantaneous and unanimous opinion of the Committee is that Synod has no power to entertain the case presented in the communication. The Committee recommend that the paper be returned to Rev. G. A. Mills, with this conclusion, by the Stated Clerk.

JOACHIM ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Nominations report as preacher on a special subject for the Annual Session for 1879, Rev. H. N. Cobb, *Primarius*, Rev. U. D. Gulick, *Secundus*. The topic is left at the option of the preacher. Your Committee would also report favorably the Delegates for General Synod nominated by the Classes.

GRAHAM TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SUBSCRIBING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Carefully attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the session of Tuesday afternoon, after the organization, was spent in devotional exercises, under the lead of the President. The first hour of the session of Wednesday morning was occupied in devotion, under the direction of the Adsessor. The last hour and a half also of the morning session, on recommendation of Committee on State of Religion, was occupied in a very warm and practical consideration of the work of the Church, and especially in reference to Domestic and Foreign Missions. This discussion was carried over to the afternoon session.

Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, D.D., by appointment made at the last session, preached before Synod on the evening of the second day. His text was 1 Corinthians, xv. 53: "For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." His theme was The Immortality of the Soul.

Resolved, That the printed copy of the Minutes of the Particular Synod be considered the official copy, and held as such by the Stated Clerk, with the understanding that the Stated Clerk shall retain one office copy for each year, which shall be attested by the sign manual of the Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That the Synod of New York records its grateful appreciation of the genial and generous entertainment of its members during our session. Bearing away only delightful memories of true hospitality, we leave earnest prayer for the richest Divine blessing to rest upon the pastor and families of the Reformed Church of Newburgh.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account, which were referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor*.

1877.	Dr.	
July 5,	To Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1878	$50
	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage	5 66
July 5,	To Cash paid Doorkeeper's bill, per Rev. A. DuBois, D.D.	5
	Cash paid Rev. James Demarest, Jr., for traveling expenses, per Rev. A. DuBois, D.D.	3 50
July 16,	Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1877 (450 copies)	107 88
Sept. 19,	Cash paid Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., for traveling expenses as Commissioner to General Synod	3 60
1878.		
May 7,	Cash Balance due Synod to new account	107 86
		$283 50

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1877.		
May 1,	by Cash Balance from old account	$283 50
		$283 50

NEWBURGH, N. Y., May 7, 1878.

The Committee on the Questorate would report that they have examined the Questor's account with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of one hundred and seven dollars and eighty-six cents ($107 86).

J. HALSTED CARROLL, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed :

From the Classis of Arcot.

Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.
" E. J. Heeren.
" E. C. Scudder, M. D.

From the Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. John W. Schenck,	Elder R. B. Shepard,
" John H. Bevier,	" J. C. Benham,
" Polhemus Van Wyck,	" Thomas Elmendorf.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. D. Perry,	Elder George M. Harder,
" Thomas B. McLeod,	" Peter E. Sagendorf,
" James C. Garretson,	" J. M. Streever.

From the Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Ferguson Harris,	Elder J. Scott Smith,
" Jas. Demarest, Jr., D.D.,	" Reuben Bernard,
" Paul T. Deyo,	" Benjamin Markle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, D.D.,	Elder John M. Myer,
" Ph. Peltz, D.D.,	" Roelif Eltinge,
" John B. Church,	" Cornelius Kortright.

From North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. S. Fairchild,	Elder Henry Beales,
" H. A. Powell,	" John DeBevoise,
" C. I. Shepard,	" Jacob Suydam,
" Geo. D. Hulst,	" Thomas S. Shepard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. E. Cobb,	Elder J. J. Halsey,
" Andrew Hageman,	" James Van Ostrand,
" H. P. Craig,	" Christopher Spoerl,
" W. H. DeHart,	" Michel Baisely.

From South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry V. S. Myers,	Elder Theo. L. Mason, M.D.
" U. D. Gulick,	" Gerret G. Bergen,
" David S. Sutphen,	" J. Remsen Bennet.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. J. Hill,	Elder L. V. D. Hardenbergh,
" H. A. Friedel,	" S. H. Williamson,
" Anson DuBois,	" D. Jewell.

From Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.	Elder Gardner A. Sage,
" William Ormiston, D.D.,	" Saml. B. Schieffelin,
" Mancius S. Hutton, D.D.,	" William Bogardus,
" Julius W. Geyer,	" James Anderson, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Hasbrouck DuBois,	Elder H. P. Allen,
" Wm. B. Merritt,	" N. S. King,
" J. H. Berthoff,	" John Van Nest,
" G. H. Mandeville, D.D.,	" W. Maul.

From Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. Halsted Carroll, D.D.,	Elder Peter Eager, M.D.,
" Edward W. Bentley, D.D.,	" W. S. Northrop,
" Cyril Spaulding,	" Abram D. Deyo, M.D.,
" Lawrence L. Comfort,	" Nathan C. Clark,
" John A. Staats,	" Wm. Crowell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. S. Garretson,	Elder D. W. Rapalje
" G. B. Bell,	" John G. Gray,
" S. W. Mills, D.D.,	" J. W. Clyne,
" M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D.,	" J. B. Bounell,
" John T. Demarest, D.D.,	" Matt. Jansen.

From Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Alonzo P. Peeke,	Elder William Seward,
" Joachim Elmendorf, D.D.,	" E. L. Beadle, M.D.,
" J. C. Vandeventer,	" Sidney Scofield.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Graham Taylor,	Elder Edmund Luyster,
" Acmon P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	" Wm. H. Crosby,
" C. W. Fritts,	" Walter Brett.

From Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. James H. Hoyt,	Elder Jacob Storm,
" John Hutchins,	" Theophilus Burwell,
" Mancius H. Hutton,	" Alvah Newman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John A. Todd, D.D.,	Elder James H. Lent,
" Isaac L. Kip,	" S. B. Dyckman,
" T. R. G. Peck,	" J. H. Pooley, M.D.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Particular Synod of New York adjourned to meet in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Greenpoint, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1879, at three o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of the Session were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

ALEX. R. THOMPSON, *President.*
A. J. SEBRING, *Adsessor.*

ASHER ANDERSON, } *Temporary Clerks.*
GRAHAM TAYLOR, }

Official Copy from Original Minutes.

ANSON DuBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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Particular Synod of New York.

THE Particular Synod of New York met in Annual Session in the Reformed Church of Green Point, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the sixth day of May, A. D. 1879, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at 10 o clock, P. M., of the second day.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D.D., who also preached the Concio ad Clerum on the evening of the first day of the session, from Matt. 7:29.—"And He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following delegates from the Classes took their seats as members of this body:

Classis of Arcot.—Rev. John Scudder, M.D.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. T. S. Dusenberre, D. B. Wyckoff, Polhemus Van Wyck, John W. Schenck. *Elder*,—Robert Ham.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. Louis J. Lockwood, James Demarest, Jr., Victor M. Hulbert.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. John A. Davis, M. L. Haines, Lewis Francis, Charles I. Shepherd. *Elders,*—I. L. Bogart, J. J. Halsey, C. H. Ticbout.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Nicholas Pearce, Chas. S. Wright. *Elders,*—Abram J. Beekman, T. M. Hageman, E. W. Tapp, Theo. L. Mason, M.D.

Classis of New York.—Revs. Carlos Martyn, Wm. B. Merritt, J. W. Geyer. *Elders,*—J. W. Miller, Henry Van Arsdale, M.D., H. Camerden, Jr., W. Muetze.

Classis of Orange.—Revs. Lawrence L. Comfort, Gilbert S. Garretson, Goodloe B. Bell. *Elder,*—Wm. Crowell, Jr.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Henry Ward, A. P. Peeke, G. R. Garretson. *Elder,*—Wm. Seward.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. Wm. Anderson, Lawrence H. Van Dyck. *Elders,*—John Irwin, Josiah Valentine.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Charles I. Shepherd was elected President, and Rev. Wm. B. Merritt was elected Adsessor. Rev. Alonzo P. Peeke, and Rev. John W. Schenck were elected temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

The Minutes of the last Session, and the Van Benschoten Bequest were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

A Special Committee consisting of the stated Clerk, Rev. W. B. Merritt, and Elder A. J. Beekman, was appointed to revise the Rules of Order, and report at the next Session of Synod.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—Revs. Victor M. Hulbert, John A. Davis, P. Van Wyck. *Elders,*—J. L Bogart, Robert Ham.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*For Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. Chas. S. Wright. *Elder,*—A. J. Beekman. *For Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. P. Van Wyck. *Elder,*—T. M. Hageman. *For North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. J. W. Geyer. *Elder,*—W. Muetze. *For South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. L. L. Comfort. *Elder,*—W. Crowell. *For Classis of New York.*—Rev. D. B. Wyckoff. *Elder,*—J. L. Bogart. *For Classis of Orange.*—Rev. T. S. Dusenberre. *Elder,*—J. J. Halsey. *For Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. L. H. Van Dyck. *Elder,*—John Irwin. *For Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. H. Ward. *Elder,*—Wm. Seward.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.—Rev. Carlos Martyn, Wm. Anderson, L. J. Lockwood.—*Elders,*—T. L. Mason, Henry Van Arsdale.

ON THE QUESTORATE.—Revs. A. P. Peeke, L. Francis, L. H. Van Dyck. *Elders,*—J. W. Miller, H. Camerden, Jr.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Revs. James Demarest, Jr., Wm. B. Merritt, Wm. Anderson. *Elders,*—A. J. Beekman, E. W. Tapp.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Revs. H. Ward, D. B. Wyckoff, L. J. Lockwood. *Elders,*—T. L. Mason, J. W. Miller.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Reformed Church of Laurel Hill, L. I., which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synods, reported as follows, and their report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report, that they have examined the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of 1878, and have found nothing requiring the action of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of Minutes of Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick, for 1878, were laid upon the table, and were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following Report on the State of Religion, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee have examined the Reports of the several Classes composing this Particular Synod. As a whole, they represent substantial progress and evince the spirit of hope.

From the *Mission Classis of Arcot* comes a word of trumpet-tone. The famine is at last broken, and the sinful hearts of many of the people with it. There have been more conversions the past year than almost ever before, viz: 870—471 of them adults—and this though the force in the field had dwindled down to a single laborer. Drs. Scudder and Chamberlain have returned, bringing inspiration with them and an eager welcome.

The Classis of Hudson reports a delightful condition of things in the Church in Hudson City. More have been added to its membership the past year than ever before in any single year of its history.

The Classis of Kingston reports a healthy growth, but nothing of special interest.

The North Classis of Long Island accompanies its Statistical Table with cheering statements. They report an increase of 80 families over last year, and an increased benevolence. The Bushwick Church is forced to erect a Sabbath-school building by their outgrowth of the old accommodations. Its Sabbath-school is very large. About 100 persons have been added to the Church.

The South Classis of Long Island is healthy. There has been a special increase in some Churches. The death list is unusually long and sad. The Church in New Utrecht has been afflicted in the affliction of its beloved pastor, and is deserving of our sympathy and prayer.

The Classis of New York reports an increase of over $6,000 in contributions for congregational purposes, with no decrease in benevolence. The ecclesiastical year has been marked by harmony and zeal among pastors and people, and steady, and in some cases, increased interest in religion. A feeling prevails of gratitude for the past, encouragement in the present, and hope for the future.

The Classis of Orange gives assurance of unmistakable prosperity. Some of the Churches in its care are poor in purse but rich in spirit; and all have been able to come up to the annual convocation with some evidences of the favor of our covenant-keeping God.

In the *Classis of Poughkeepsie* a general spirit of harmony prevails. There has been a regular attendance upon the services of the sanctuary. Faithful work in the Sabbath-school has marked the year.

From the *Classis of Westchester* we have words of cheer. There has been a delightful outpouring of God's Spirit in some of the Churches, notably in Unionville, where the membership has risen during the year from 44 to 105.

It occurs to your Committee to call attention to one somewhat serious defect in the reports which come up to us from the several Classes. In their attempts at generalization these papers measurably empty themselves of vitality. These dry bones need to be breathed upon and made to live. It is difficult to formulate spiritual experience. But an effort should be made to diagnosticate the case—to give, as nearly as possible, the *inwardness* of the facts—to point out the symptoms, whether of spiritual health or disease.

The Particular Synod of New York is the largest and wealthiest of all. It has more lands, commands more money, controls more influential centres than any other branch of the Reformed Church in America. Indeed, it is related to the general body much as the heart is related to the human anatomy.

Brethren, as the representatives of this important body, let us pray God to make us what the white plume of Navarre was on the perilous edges of the battle,—an inspiration to the whole field, and the harbinger of victory.

The detailed reports of the several Classes are appended.

CARLOS MARTYN, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

Our last Report was written amidst circumstances of great discouragement. The famine was at its height; the American membership of Classis had been reduced to a single man, while the decrease in the number of communicants indicated a spiritual deadness in our Churches. We are glad that we can give a pleasanter record this year. The long-looked-for rain has come, and plentiful harvests betoken the speedy return of days of prosperity. Two of our number, Revs. Drs. Scudder and Chamberlain, have come back to us with renewed strength, and

are at work again in their respective fields ; a new Church has been organized at one of our stations, increasing the number of Churches within the bounds of the Classis to twenty-one (21); but above all, the Spirit of God has been working amongst us, and 870 souls have been born into the kingdom, 471 of whom are adults. Surely we have reason for thanksgiving. The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. When Gideon went out to fight the Midianites with his large army, lest the Israelites should boast and say, " My own hand hast saved me," the Lord commanded the army to be reduced to 300 men. In like manner, as if to show us that the work of converting is His and not man's, the Lord has given us the greatest blessing when our Missionary force was the weakest. But the year has not closed without our having some sorrows to record. One of our ministers, Rev. E. J. Hereen. and one of our elders, Elder Antony of Varikkal, have been taken from us to join the assembly in heaven. In five of our Churches there have been no accessions and the communicants have decreased; while in Sattampady and Alliendal, some of our oldest Christians have left us to feed on the husks of Romanism.

Our joys, however, far outweigh our sorrows, and we enter upon the new year with encouraged hearts.

J. H. WYCKOFF, *Stated Clerk.*

Chittoor, Jan. 28th, 1878.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

Your Committee have received reports from all of the Churches belonging to the Classis except the Livingston Memorial Church at Linlithgo. This Church has been without a pastor during the past year, and dependent for the most part on the services of neighboring pastors. They have, however, held their own, and have lately secured the services of a stated supply, who has commenced his labors among them under encouraging circumstances.

The *Church of Hudson* brings to us good news. The children of God have been revived, many have been added to the Church, the Sabbath-school has prospered, the congregational and young people's prayer-meetings are well attended and in-

teresting, and the burden of debt has been rolled off. The report says: "The Reformed Church of Hudson comes before Classis at the end of another year, acknowledging with gratitude the continued favor of the great Head of the Church. He hath crowned the year with His goodness. He hath visited our Church and watered it, and hath greatly enriched it with the river of God which is full of water."

Concerning the other Churches of the Classis we need not particularize, for the reports reveal that they have for the past year in many respects the same history.

The following statements appear to be true concerning them all:

The machinery has worked smoothly.

The Gospel has been regularly dispensed.

The Sabbath audiences have been regularly good.

The prayer-meetings have been sustained and fairly attended.

The people have very respectfully and attentively given ear to the Word.

There has been no special work of the Holy Spirit, and but few have come out from the world and made a profession of faith in Jesus. Yet in our assemblies God's presence has been realized and enjoyed, and believers have been warmed and strengthened.

We are longing, praying, and working for a more fruitful season.

We feel that the blessings we have received demand grateful acknowledgment, and will in the best time, which we hope is near at hand, be followed by larger and more cheering ones. We labor with gratitude and in hope.

The Rev. E. C. Scudder has been received from the Classis of Arcot, and installed pastor of the Church of Upper Red Hook.

The Rev. J. H. Pitcher has been removed by death.

JAMES WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

The past year has been one marked by no special revivals nor large ingatherings from the world; yet for the most part we can report a healthful state of spirituality, and some of our Churches report substantial progress. A few of our Churches have been called to mourn the loss of some of their most faithful and devoted members, yet rejoice in the testimony of a good hope which they left behind them of the triumphant faith in which they died.

We give the following extracts from the reports of the various Churches:

The *Church of the Clove* says they have not had the awakening or ingathering as they have reported for four successive years previous, yet it has been a year of manifest progress and spiritual growth. The young people's meeting has been well sustained with marked interest and piety, and no call for the exercise of discipline. The attendance upon the ordinances have been encouraging. The losses by death unusually heavy.

The *Church of Dashville Falls* reports that they have had no revival of religion nor special interest in spiritual things, yet they see manifested a firm faith in Christ in his followers.

The *Church of Guilford* reports the past year as one of both hope and despondency. Blessings in the conversion of sinners expected and indicated have not been given. The Sabbath-schools have been more efficient than usual. The attendance upon the means of grace has been good. The Church has been called to mourn the loss of one of its most highly esteemed Elders.

The *Church of Hurley* says that they are in a prosperous condition, united, and working well. God seems to be blessing them with brotherly love and growth in grace. They have good attendance at the Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting.

The *Second Church of Kingston* reports: During the past year they have enjoyed a moderate degree of spiritual prosperity, though confess that greater faithfulness on the part of the disciples would doubtless have brought a greater blessing. An encouraging weekly service, designed especially for the youths of the congregation, has been in operation for several weeks. The audience room has been undergoing repairs, which

has necessitated the holding of the weekly services in the basement since tha middle of December last, yet with these inconveniences and disadvantages they have enjoyed all the means of grace.

Death has been busy, especially among the older members. Mention is made of A. Bruyn Hasbrouck, so well known throughout the Reformed Church, that comment on his exemplary Christian life is here unnecessary. He died in triumphant Christian faith.

The *Church of Marbletown* says the attendance upon public worship, weekly lecture, and prayer-meeting has been good. That the Sabbath-school is marked by increasing zeal and enterprise, yet that the number who have come out on the Lord's side is small. A series of meetings, beginning with the Week of Prayer was held, yet resulted in no special interest or awakening. There have been some interesting cases of those who have come out from the world and confessed Christ before men.

The year has been marked with increasing intensity by pecuniary embarrassments among all classes of people.

The *Church of North Marbletown* says the debt reported one year ago is entirely removed, and funds provided for repairs which have been made during the last year. Peace and harmony pervades the congregation. The attendance upon Divine service has been good. The attendance and interest in the Sabbath-school is encouraging. The membership seems growing in grace and meetness for heaven. The Church is in a healthful and prosperous state.

The *Church of New Paltz* says that though an unusual number of conversions cannot be reported, yet they rejoice in some tokens of renewing unto eternal life. They mourn that there has been occasion for discipline. Death has invaded their ranks, yet they rejoice in delightful instances of faith overcoming the fear of death. The usual degree of regard has been shown for benevolent objects.

The *Church of Rochester* reports the past year as one of blessing, peace, and harmony. They have been engaged in repairs with both church and parsonage. They are temporally prosperous, and expect soon to announce themselves out of

debt. A good attendance is reported at the Sabbath and weekly services, which have been regularly maintained. The Sabbath-school is prosperous and flourishing. No large accessions are reported, yet every communion season has added a few to the Church.

Rosendale reports statistics only.

The *St. Remy Church* reports no special interest, yet is persuaded that all their members live in the enjoyment of religion and find pleasure in the services of God's house. We are encouraged by the lively faith and exemplary lives of the more earnest workers in the Master's vineyard. There is good attendance upon the ordinances and Sabbath-school.

The *Church of Bloomingdale* says the attendance upon Divine service has been good, the attention of the people to the Word has been prayerful, and the Word has been faithfully preached, and yet an entire absence of a work of grace in conversions from the world.

Ministerial Changes.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. F. Harris and the Church of Hurley, has been dissolved, and the candidate Louis J. Lockwood has been received from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained and installed as pastor of that Church.

WILLIAM N. TODD, *Chairman.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report to Classis, that reports have been received from all the Churches except Williamsburg.

Statistical Tables in every case have been accompanied with statements which are, in some cases, very, very cheering, and in *all* hopeful.

The stringency and depression of the times have crippled church work in some of its phases, and a cry of sorrow and regret comes from some of our Churches because better equipments are not theirs with which to carry on the Lord's work. Still there is far more to cheer than to sadden.

The census of families, from the reports handed in, shows an increase of about 80 over last year. 67 more communicants have

been received this year than last on confession. Large accessions have been received by several of the Churches.

Benevolent contributions have increased about $850 over last year. In some Churches with marked rapidity.

The interest in the Sabbath-school work shows a decided advance. Many Churches have been compelled to "lengthen their chords and strengthen their stakes." Almost every report speaks encouragingly of its Sabbath-school work.

We present you with a brief synopsis of these reports.

The Church at *Jamaica* has carried on the work during the past year "prosperously and harmoniously." An unusually large number of its older membership have fallen asleep in Jesus. Their contributions have increased more than thirty per cent. over last year. Extra meetings with blessed results have been held by them since the Week of Prayer. "God has blessed us," is their closing words of cheer to Classis.

The Church at *Oyster Bay* reports every thing in connection with the Church in a flourishing condition. Its Sabbath services as well as prayer-meetings have been greatly increased in numbers and interest. The pastor preaches at the Jericho chapel once each Sabbath, with marked success. They gather in such numbers that the chapel will not contain them, and at times they are almost enthusiastic about the re-organization of their Church.

The Church at *North Hempstead* shows in its report a very great advancement in benevolence—nearly seven times what it contributed last year.

"The year with them has not been one without visible fruit. The people are working nobly in some parts of the congregation, and effects are being seen in the Sabbath-school and prayer-meetings."

The Church at *Astoria* reports, "steady and progressive life and work."

Its young men's meetings have been well sustained, and are accomplishing, in part at least, that for which they were organized. The ladies are interesting themselves in Mission work.

The Church at *Flushing* looks back over its past year with thankfulness, having, in spite of some discouragements, much to rejoice them.

Attendance at services has improved. Sabbath-school more prosperous than ever before. "The Lord has blessed us," they add, "in the use of the ordinary instrumentalities."

The Church at *Greenpoint* reports a noteworthy increase in benevolence—about fifty per cent. over last year. It speaks also of a very large and growing Sabbath-school, which is doing "effective work."

The church work "has gone steadily forward, although not experiencing any special religious awakening."

The Church of *South Bushwick* rejoices in being able to present so good a report this year. It mourns the loss of the good Elder, so often with us at meetings like these, but rejoices that so many have this year chosen the path of righteousness. It notes "an increasing interest in church work among its members, and better attendance at the regular services."

The (German) Second Reformed Church at Astoria reports that although at times a little down-hearted, on account of pecuniary affairs, yet all expenses have been met. A goodly number have been added to the Church. Peace and harmony reign.

East Williamsburg is endeavoring to do its best in scattering the good seed of the Word, looking to God for His blessing—"believing that they are responsible for the work not for the success." They suffer from a lack of teachers in the Sabbath-school.

The Church at *Queens* reports advancement in the upbuilding of those already in the fold of the Church rather than in the ingathering of new ones.

The *German Evangelical, St. Peters, of Brooklyn,* has celebrated its twenty-five years' jubilee. It has progressed "slowly and steadily. Harmony and peace reign." Neither Church nor school can grow any more for lack of room. They are working, hoping, praying that the Lord will raise up some kind heart with ready hands to solve this difficulty for them. No room have they for the invited multitude. Their benevolent contributions have doubled last year's.

Sayville reports, "the activity of all in church work. The

church is constantly filled and the young people are inquiring to know the way."

The Church at *Locust Valley* reports "growth." A greater inroad by death has been sustained by them than in any previous year of their existence. Their Sabbath-school is in excellent working order.

The Church at *College Point*, which during the year has settled a pastor, "bears testimony to the mercy and truth of God in preserving their membership from death, and in continuing to them, uninterruptedly, the means of grace."

The Church at (Old) *Bushwick* reports, that "It has experienced a most precious season of revival." The year has been to them one of "great prosperity." Large attendance at all their services. Sabbath-school overflowing both church and present Sabbath-school room, so that they will be compelled to build.

Nearly one hundred have been received by them into their communion this year, and more are ready to follow. "Many of these are young men in the full vigor of early manhood. As a people," they add, "we are thoroughly aroused and thoroughly resolved to work while the day lasts, for our Lord."

The *German Evangelical, Jamaica*, reports, "unanimity, peace, and the evidence that the Lord has not left them. Though the past," they add, "has been marked by repeated disruption, yet God has healed us from this disease gradually though slowly; those who turned their backs upon us are returning."

Williamsburg sends no report.

Newtown has nothing of special interest, it says, to report, yet it is hopeful and expectant at their next communion to receive an addition of larger numbers.

Their Sabbath-school is supporting a native Reader in the Japan Mission.

First Reformed, Long Island City, reports their greatest drawbacks, "the changing community and the strong Catholic element." There are signs that God's Spirit is at work in their midst. Sabbath-school is increasing.

Second Newtown sends only a partial report. At present it

is supplied by the Rev. Julius Hones, of Jamaica. It is hopeful for the future.

The following ministerial changes have been made during the year :

The Candidate, Isaac W. Warner, has been received under the care of Classis from the Classis of New York.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. E. S. Fairchild and the Church at College Point has been dissolved.

The Church at Laurel Hill has been disbanded.

The Candidate, H. A. Hendrickson, has been dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. John Wenisch and the Second Reformed Church at Newtown, has been dissolved.

Rev. H. C. Berg has been received from the Classis of Philadelphia and installed pastor of the Church at College Point.

The Rev. Emanuel Shultz has been dismissed to the Central Association (Congregational) of Kansas.

The Statistical Table is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HAGEMAN, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report, that communications have been received from all the Churches of the Classis.

The Church of Brooklyn reports: "Since the installation of our pastor in September last, there has been a gradual increase in attendance both at our church services and at our prayer-meeting." The Sabbath audienees are larger than they have been for years. There is growth both temporal and spiritual. The Centennial Mission is prospering: Rev. A. N Wyckoff has left for another field of usefulness.

The Church of Flatbush reports that Sabbath and prayer-meeting services are attended about as usual. The Sunday-schools are "in good condition, are well attended, and are conducted by competent and experienced Superintendents, assisted by faithful teachers, who are deeply interested in the welfare of their scholars." The pastor has charge of a young

ladies' Bible class. The ladies of the congregation are organized for tract distribution and have done good work. The Mission work in charge of Rev. Chas. S. Wright, is prospering; a good degree of spirituality prevails; services are well attended and Sabbath-school largely increased.

The Church of New Utrecht has been deeply afflicted: some of the most useful members have died, among them Elder Adrian Bergen, "whose fidelity in the cause of Christ the Church holds in grateful remembrance." The report continues: "Of our severe bereavement in the illness of our pastor you are all aware. The stroke was sudden and severe, and has brought us into deep sorrow and peculiar difficulties. A wise counsellor, a kind and conscientious spiritual guide, a devoted pastor whom we love, we feel deeply the deprivation of his services. The providence is to us inscrutable, yet we bow submissively to His will with the prayer, 'Teach us thy way, O Lord, and lead us in a plain path.'"

The Church of Gravesend reports "nothing of special interest." Meetings are well attended and the truth always listened to with much apparent interest. The praying ones are longing for a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Church of Flatlands.—Additions to the Church not so large as last year. Among the deaths they mourn the loss of Elder Peter Lott, "one of the warmest friends of the Church, who has often been called to office, and whose large-hearted liberality was always an important help in all our religious and benevolent work." The attendance on the Sabbath services and devotional meetings has been usually good, and the Sabbath-schools earnestly conducted.

The Church of New Lots has within the year erected, furnished, and paid for a new lecture-room. The Sabbath-school is larger than ever before. The Sabbath evening service since held in the lecture-room has nearly doubled in attendance. They mourn the death of their devoted Sabbath-school Superintendent, William Hageman, who has filled that responsible position for nearly a score of years. Efficient work has been done in the temperance cause. Considerable efficient work has been done and money expended to relieve the poor of the town.

The Church of East New York reports prosperity both temporal and spiritual. There has been no marked revival, but harmony of spirit and unity of effort have prevailed and some good fruits have followed. The Week of Prayer was observed. "Sabbath morning services are well attended. Sabbath-school prospering."

The Church of South Brooklyn is laboring under the embarrassment of a sparsely settled neighborhood. The prospects of city growth are, however, improving. "In spiritual things there seems to be manifest among those professing Christ, a desire for higher attainments in the divine life." By a strenuous effort they have been enabled to pay the only incumbrance on their property, a mortgage of $1,500 on the parsonage. The pastor and people are glad in the prospect of a wider field of usefulness.

The Church of Middle Brooklyn reports a somewhat increasing interest. Sabbath services and the prayer-meetings are well attended. The young people's prayer-meeting has an increased attendance and exerts a larger influence for good. Harmony prevails. Quite a number of the Church and congregation are showing new interest in the work and prosperity of the Church. The additions to the Church upon confession of faith have been largely from the young people.

The Twelfth Street Church has enjoyed the presence and blessing of God. They have a wide and fertile field, and upon it they have diligently and prayerfully scattered the seed of the kingdom. The church is usually well filled, sometimes crowded, at the Sabbath services. The Sabbath-school has grown to be among the largest and probably the largest in the city. The prayer-meetings are well attended and full of interest. "The death roll is unusually long, and includes in it the names of some of our oldest members and most earnest workers, whose loss we deeply feel; especially do we miss the faithful Elder Garret G. Bergen, who has for so long a time occupied the position of ruling Elder, and so often represented us in Classis and Synod."

The North Reformed Church reports that "along with many blessings for which they are devoutly thankful, it has

pleased God to send to us this year especial trial. An unusual number of members of the Church have been taken away by death, and these the most exemplary among us in fidelity and devotion." They have been especially bereaved in the decease of Charles S. Thompson, an Elder-elect. "In stalwart Christian principle, and winsome, gentle kindness, in wise counsel, energetic labor, and beneficent goodness, he was pre-eminent among us."

The Church on the Heights has installed its new pastor during the year. The attendance at Sabbath and week-day meetings has increased. There is growing religious interest, especially among the young people. The Sabbath-school is prosperous. The Bethany Chapel Mission is accomplishing a good work.

The Church of Bedford has labored under very serious financial embarrassment, yet there has been an increase of new families to the congregation and a hopeful increase of members by certificate. The activity, hopefulness, and determination of the people in spite of their many discouragements, are commendable. The financial condition is improving. The Sabbath-school has grown steadily and is very flourishing.

The Church of New Brooklyn is comparatively a Mission enterprise. It is called upon to provide the means of grace for a large impoverished community. They often find it difficult to raise the requisite amount of money for church purposes, yet the Lord has always enabled them to secure the means to pay the expenses of each year. Sabbath services are well attended. Spiritual prospects good.

The Second Reformed (German) Church of Flatbush says: "We cannot report any special spiritual revivals, but there has been evident growth in the knowledge of the Word of God. Lately there have been several strangers in our midst. Harmony and peace prevail among us." The "Catechumens" are instructed twice a week by the pastor, and several of them have been received into communion. The Ladies Sewing Society is noticed as an efficient help. The Sunday-school is well attended, and the recitations of the Heidelberg Catechism are satisfactory.

The Reformed (German) Church of Canarsie reports: "As a congregation we have reason to praise the Lord with grateful hearts." The Sabbath-school has increased. A weekly young people's prayer-meeting has been established, and during the services catechetical instruction is given.

The following changes have occurred during the year: Rev. D. N. Vanderveer has been received from the Congregational Council of Chicago, Ill., and installed pastor of the Church of Brooklyn; and Rev. S. S. Mitchell, D.D., from the Presbytery of Washington City, and installed pastor of the Church on the Heights.

We record with sorrow and tender sympathy the death of Rev. Dr. J. H. Manning.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submits the following report:

Statistics have been received from all our Churches except one, which is without a pastor. With two or three exceptions each Church reports upon all the items called for. With complete returns the figures in the column of totals would equal, perhaps exceed, those of last year. It is encouraging to note an increase of more than $6,000 in the contributions for congregational purposes. The contributions for benevolence are nearly if not quite equal to those of last year.

From all the reports we gather a tone of gratitude for the past, of encouragement for the present, and of hope for the future. The ecclesiastical year has been marked by harmony, zeal among pastors and people, steady and in some cases increased interest in religion. Most of the reports received point to larger accessions to the membership than for the previous year. We call attention to the following extracts:

The Consistory of New York reports that during the past year "church work has been prosecuted with gratifying results," although they lament the lack of a pastor to take charge of one of their most important congregations, and also of a min-

ister for one of their chapels. Both vacancies it is expected will soon be filled. Your Committee, as the Consistory of this Church does, would modestly refer to the crowning event of her year's history, the attainment to and celebration of the 250th anniversary of her organization. Less we could not do, more is not needed, since she has already been the recipient of our hearty congratulations upon her prolonged life and venerable history.

The South Church reports uniformly good attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary, with "marked improvement in the attendance at the second service on the Sabbath." Her "financial condition has been remarkably good, the entire sum of her pew rentals having been collected excepting $27 35." Her statistics show a generous attention to matters of benevolence. She points to a steady and healthy religious life. Pastor and people have been constant and active in numerous departments of church work. She mourns the decease during the year of several of her most revered and beloved members.

Staten Island refers to a "quiet, steady interest shown by many of the older scholars in the Sunday-school in religious matters during some months past, the fruits of which are confidently expected. The ordinances of the Church are well observed, and the prayer-meeting maintains its interest and attendance."

At Bloomingdale "the ordinances of the sanctuary have been regularly maintained." There also is a "prosperous Sunday-school" cared for by "the pastor and communing members of the Church."

Thirty-fourth Street says: "The past year has been with us a year of earnest and successful work. The God of peace has given us peace. The Sabbath services have been well attended. The pastoral lecture on Wednesday evening and the Church prayer-meeting on Friday evening have been blessed to us. The Sunday-school is ably officered, and conversions have been frequent."

Richmond is "encouraged to hope that the prospects of the Church are brightening." The regular services have been

"transferred from Richmond to Giffords, where there is a neat, convenient and comfortable chapel, with a neighboring population much larger than at Richmond." There is a "good hope of gradually but greatly increasing in strength. The Word is sown in faith."

The Church of the Huguenots, though "small and feeble, trusts in Him who has said that His Word shall not return unto Him void." It has a "flourishing and gradually increasing Sunday-school."

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, has had "a year of quiet, steady church work, not without encouragement and blessing for God's people. At all communions during the year there have been accessions to the Church. The Sunday-school is especially prosperous."

Prospect Hill says: "There has been a better attendance at church service, prayer-meetings, and Sunday-school than during the previous year. Much Mission service is done in the community through our Sunday-school."

The Holland Church considers that "she has been instrumental in awakening a deeper interest in the hearts of the people for the Master's glorious cause. Her congregation has grown in size." Surely we may say, let it quickly swell far beyond its present bounds.

The German Evangelical Church, Avenue B, reports that under the stimulating influence of a new pastor, Church services, Sunday-school, and prayer-meetings have been very largely attended. "A deep religious interest is manifested on the part of many."

The Fourth German continues to pray, "Thy kingdom come, O Lord," and under the direction of her energetic, faithful pastor is doing all she can to secure the answer to her prayer. Services of varied character and interest are regularly held weekly, among the least important of which certainly are not the classes which assemble for catechetical instruction by the pastor.

The Church of Brighton Heights sends only a statistical report, which is sufficiently accounted for by the long continued illness and absence from home of her pastor. Both pastor and

people need, as we can assure them they have, the heartfelt sympathy of this Classis in their sore trial, as well as its earnest prayers that the privation under which they have so long mutually struggled, may soon be succeeded by an era of good health for the pastor and abundant prosperity for the Church.

Union, Sixth Avenue, with devout gratitude, says: "All the claims against our Church have been met. We are now free from debt, and have secured a new lease of the ground on which our church building stands. Our growth has been steady and satisfactory during the year. The outlook is promising. The objects of benevolence are considered with increased interest." May she long continue to hold her own as the sole representative in a field once largely possessed by our Church.

Norfolk Street says its "services are well attended. Its youth are carefully instructed according to the Word of God and the Heidelberg Catechism. On the part of the congregation a remarkable zeal for the work of the Lord is manifested."

The German Evangelical Mission reports: "We have not been left without tokens of Divine favor and unmistakable signs of spiritual life and activity. The attendance upon public worship has been fair and in the Sunday-school good throughout the year. We have enjoyed peace and harmony in Church and congregation."

Madison Avenue, with great rejoicing, testifies: "Never has our beloved Church given such good promise of being thoroughly and permanently established. New families coming in, and the increasing attendance at public services are welcome evidences of the presence and blessing of the great Head of the Church. The standards of our Church are distinctly set forth and maintained."

Harlem assures us that within her bounds the usual methods of Christian effort have been pursued and prosecuted vigorously. "Yet the especial power of the Holy Spirit has been wanting."

Did time permit we should like to call the attention of Classis to two suggestions gathered from the reports. We can but indicate them. The first is whether as Pastors and Elders

we cannot secure the more direct and personal catechetical instruction of our children and youth. The second, whether some steps cannot be taken to secure a more general attendance of Sunday-school scholars at the usual services of public worship.

The following changes have occurred during the year: The Rev. Edward A. Reed has been received from the Congregational Church of Springfield, Mass., and installed pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church. Rev. James Bolton has been received from the Classis of Monmouth, and Rev. A. J. Park from the South Classis of Bergen. Rev. A. R. Van Nest has been dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia. The candidate, James Kemlo, has been dismissed to a Congregational body in Kansas. We have also to record the death of Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins.

J. HENRY BERTHOLF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

In presenting the Report of the State of Religion in the Classis, there is great occasion for devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His watchful care over His Church and over the interests of our Zion. Our Churches all live and many of them show signs of unmistakable prosperity. Some, it is true, in poverty of purse, but rich in spirit—but all able to come up to our Annual Convocation with some evidence of the loving favor of our Covenant-keeping God.

Berea reports, that while thankful for continued mercies, they have still to bear up against the financial tide that sets so heavily against them, and they endure, hoping and praying for purer days and brighter skies to dawn upon them.

Bloomingburgh reports that they are rejoicing in the presence of the Lord, who has been walking in His vineyard there. The sight of Him was very pleasant, and the blessing left behind Him is very pleasant to pastor and people. Animated with a new hope, they thank God and take courage.

Claraville, a little one among the thousands of Israel, yet does her work well, and is strengthened by Him who is strong,

and who has given to her the season of reaping as well as of sowing.

Cuddebackville reports no unusual interest. Their loss in numbers has been made up sevenfold, and their spiritual strength is renewed, while its material weakness remains.

Deerpark has drunk of the mingled cup of joy and sorrow. Her sorrow came in the loss of her pastor, who even yet while receiving words of welcome, has been compelled by ill health to add words of farewell. Her joy has come in that under this affliction, she has been sustained and cared for. The ordinances have been continued to her people, some fruits have been harvested, unity and peace prevail, and a beautiful house has been erected and donated for the use of the Church and Sabbath-school.

Ellenville has words of cheer. Although the year has required extra expenditure, they have been successfully met. The Lord visited them in the Week of Prayer and deepened impressions which his Word had already made, and through succeeding weeks quickened and ripened the seed, thus rejoicing all hearts and adding a goodly number to their communion.

Fallsburgh, while confronting some moral and material obstacles, records a truly encouraging year. Pastor and people work side by side, and rejoice together in seeing the Spirit poured out and the Lord's work prospering among them.

Grahamville has had no special revival, but has enjoyed the ordinary means of grace, and the outlook for the future is hopeful.

Kerhonkson staggers under financial embarrassment, while the broken health of the pastor compels his temporary absence from them. They ask the prayers of God's people that he may be restored, and his labors and usefulness among them be continued.

Mamakating regrets that so few have come out on the Lord's side, but as the joy over "one sinner that repenteth" has been thrice repeated among them, they are not wholly discouraged.

Montgomery blessed with the rich gift of peace, enjoys the uninterrupted means of grace and a reasonable growth of Spiritual life.

New Prospect is not without indications of the Spirit's presence, and feels that her labors and prayers have not been in vain. It is a matter of gladness and gratitude that her burden of debt has been removed by the persevering efforts of the ladies of the Church and congregation.

New Hurley reports no material change in the condition of things since her last report. The ordinances have been regularly enjoyed, and in one neighborhood unusual religious interest has prevailed, and a number of the young people have been hopefully converted.

Newburgh reports, that financially, they have never been in a more prosperous condition. The attendance upon the services has been very large, and great solemnity has prevailed.

Shawangunk reports peace and prosperity. No root of bitterness has sprung up to humble them. There has been a regular service and a good attendance upon it and attention to it. The Sabbath-school well attended, and contributions to benevolence, though larger than last year, by no means what they should be.

Walden mentions another year of blessing. Spiritual privileges have been uninterrupted; two prayer-meetings sustained, and the Sabbath-school, under the guidance of an able Superintendent, has been unusually prosperous.

Wawarsing reports regular means of grace with good attendance and great activity in some departments of church work. They are weakened by removals and feel the pressure of the times, but have completed a pleasant and suitable room for the social and religious meetings of the Church.

Walkill Valley mourns the loss of a faithful Elder—Mr. D. W. Rapalje—a member of the Consistory from its organization, who aided largely in the erection of their church building, and was a faithful supporter of it. They have made a vigorous effort to remove the floating debt upon their property, which has been in the main successful, and their spiritual prospects are encouraging.

Walpack (*Upper*) reports additions to church membership, and they are hopeful of a full baptism of the Spirit.

Walpack (*Lower*) reports souls born into the kingdom, some

already gathered into the visible fold, and others still inquiring the way.

And thus, on the whole, the spiritual condition of our Churches is hopeful and inspiriting.

The following changes have occurred in our membership:

Rev. Robert Pitts has been removed by death. Although long laid aside from the active work of the ministry, he passed his entire ministerial life among us. He did good service despite great physical weakness, and has gone to his reward.

Rev. H. M. Voorhees has been dismissed from the pastorate of the Church of Deerpark, though still retaining his membership of our Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. COMFORT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The annual reports of the Churches constituting this Classis, indicate a prevailing spirit of harmony, regular attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, faithful labor in the Sabbath-schools, and a continuance of general church life and work. The history of the year, though far from being all that we could desire, has yet enough of mercy to demand our gratitude to God, and to inspire hope for the future. The number received by confession of faith is eighty-one—which is ten less than last year—while at the same time there has been an increase of thirty-nine in the aggregate number of members.

First Poughkeepsie reports, "Peace has been unbroken, the spirit of Christian fellowship and brotherhood is on the increase, and the additions by confession of faith, though not so large as could be desired, are still enough to encourage hope, and call for praise and thanksgiving to God."

Second Poughkeepsie.—"We have enjoyed harmony and peace and a fair measure of external prosperity. The work of the Lord in the Sabbath-school has been faithfully prosecuted. A commendable and encouraging spirit of liberality has prevailed."

Fishkill.—"We report with devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for his wonderful mercies, interest

in all Christian work, harmony in the membership, maintenance of a commendable benevolent spirit, and general improvement. There are the same discouragements, except that during the past year the weight of them has been more keenly felt, but against them exists the same spirit of loyalty to the Church."

Hopewell speaks of the continued success of the envelope plan for collecting benevolent contributions—more than doubling the average under the former method of plate collections. Note is also made of continued interest in the Foreign Missionary work. The whole report is encouraging in its tone and hopeful for the future.

New Hackensack reports an increase in benevolent contributions, mainly due to the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society, which was established a year ago. Also an increasing attendance upon the Sabbath services, and general prosperity and progress.

Rhinebeck has maintained regularly the Sabbath services and also the weekly meetings. This Church has lost an unusually large number by death, all of them being among the fathers and mothers of Israel. She looks forward, however, "hopefully to the vigorous Christian youth to fill the ranks of the host of the Lord."

Hyde Park reports, "We have neither been standing still nor going backward. We are glad to note an increase of contributions to Mission work."

Millbrook speaks of both encouragements and discouragements—the latter resulting mostly from the pressure of the times; the former from the manifest interest of the people, in their undiminished attendance on the house of God, and the attentive reception of the Word.

Fishkill Landing reports, "The year past has been in no wise special and remarkable; as a Church we have enjoyed ordinary prosperity. The Sabbath services have been well attended, the Sunday-school has done a good work, and the prayer-meetings have been well sustained."

Glenham "reports to Classis with mingled feelings of thankfulness and hope deferred. The Lord has not left us without some token of his favor, but we long for the fullness of blessing."

Cold Spring sends no report.

The Committee would most respectfully call the attention of the Churches to the standing rule of Classis, requiring the consistorial reports to be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion, at least two weeks before the meeting of the Classis. The Committee has been greatly hindered, and under the necessity of preparing its report hastily, owing to non-compliance by the Churches with this rule.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to present their report. The news from the Churches is cheering. Harmony and fidelity are noticeable in all parts of the Classis. The following extracts, taken from the consistorial reports, will indicate the condition of each of the Churches of Classis:

Church of Bronxville.—The attendance upon each church service has grown with a steady increase during the year. The interest in the things of Christ has been markedly more than ordinary, but very quiet. In membership, we have grown from sixty-two to seventy-three. In benevolence and in contributions for congregational purposes, we have made in both cases an advance upon the year preceding. Besides these specified amounts, we have built a kitchen in the basement of our lecture room and fitted it out. A new piano has been bought. A site has just been given for the erection of a church parsonage, the plan of the building drawn, and a sufficient amount of funds on hand to begin the work at once, and subscription papers are to be circulated to make up the remainder.

Church of Courtlandtown.—The work of the Lord is still prospering in this place. We have erected during the year a neat and comfortable house of worship on Verplank's Point, and also established a Sabbath-school. This village has been for years without a Protestant Church, and the indications are that we will have a permanent and useful congregation in this hitherto unoccupied field.

Church of Fordham.—We are unable to report any special

work of grace in our Church, yet are not without the evidences of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of some souls, and their identifying themselves with the communion of our Church. The word of God continues to be regularly dispensed to interested audiences on the Sabbath. The cause of Christ "in regions beyond," is supported. The unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace prevails.

Church of Greenburgh.—Nothing in addition to the Statistical Report has been received.

Church of Hastings.—Our village is still undergoing a process of depletion, and as a consequence, our congregation is affected. We have lost some fourteen families by removal, who were all or nearly all pew-holders. From our Sabbath-school we have lost forty teachers and scholars. Quite a spirit of revival has pervaded our village. Our meetings have been crowded, God's people have been strengthened, and some souls converted.

Church of Melrose.—The year past was one of hard struggle and of great joy. It seems as if obstacle after obstacle is thrown in our way to hinder us in building our new house of worship, but we trust in God for aid, and go on with the work. The religious services are well attended. We have reason to thank God and take courage.

The Church of Mount Vernon has little to report beyond the facts in the Statistical Table. The accessions have been smaller, and the losses, by removal and death, larger than for many years. Notwithstanding that fact, the contributions are larger this year than last, especially under the item for benevolent purposes. In all respects the Consistory have reason for thankfulness. The attendance has been good, and harmony has prevailed, while two-thirds of the indebtedness incurred by the erection of a chapel last year has been removed.

Church of Peekskill.—This year has been eventful for loss. Death has done sad work among us, affecting the Church and all her interests. In some essential matters progress has been made. Attendance on the services, both on the Sabbath and week has been good for most of the year, while the Sabbath-school has been well kept up.

First Church of Tarrytown.—The Statistical Table comprises the main facts. An unabated interest continues, and entire harmony prevails. Church services are well attended, the Sunday-school never more flourishing, and the financial condition is cheering.

Second Church of Tarrytown.—The retrospect of the year presents but little that calls for special remark. While there has been some religious interest, as indicated by the reception of thirteen on confession, which, with eleven on certificate, make a total of twenty-four, there has been nothing like the general awakening of Christian earnestness which the Church so greatly needs. A deep pervading spirituality among all its members, that shall lift them above the world, is a blessing from God for which we still wait and humbly pray.

Church of Unionville.—The work of the past year has been quietly done. A spirit of revival has been felt throughout the entire community. Fifty-four souls have found the Saviour, forty-four of whom have united with the Church, thus increasing the membership from forty-four to one hundred and five.

Church of West Farms.—Nothing in addition to the Statistical Report has been received.

Church of Yonkers.—The work of the past year has been that of quiet progress. Our report shows that we have lost two more members than we have gained. This is the result of special effort made by us to induce our non-resident members to take their letters. We report also, a smaller number of families. This, however, is only apparent. We have even more families than we had last year, but we make our returns with greater strictness in accordance with the Synod's directions. Under the blessing of God upon the means of grace, we are making solid advancement.

The following changes have occurred during the year: The Rev. Francis Bagley has been called from earth to his reward in heaven.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved between the Church of Greenburgh and the Rev. James H. Hoyt, and between the Church of Greenville and the Rev. Richard L. Schoonmaker.

HOWARD HARRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS: Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	BAP.: Infants	Adults	C. C. & S. S.: Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	CONTRIBUTIONS: Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
														Rupees.	Rupees.	
Arcot and 7 out stations.	Zechariah John.....	175	1	10	16	4	...	58	5	8	278	1	70	†11 12	50 2	Arcot, Madras Pres'y, India.
Vellambi and 9 "	" "	134	....	7	7	3	3	28	14	36	172	2	47	.....	4	" " "
Arnee and 1 out station...	" "	13	.....	.....	4	1	...	18	.....	.....	14	1	12	6 5	10 2	" " "
Chittoor.....	Andrew Sawyer..... ...	48	8	3	15	...	17	80	5	3	30	1	33	10 14	78 4 7	Chittoor, " "
Kottapelli and 8 out stat..	" "	206	....	....	...	...	11	31	47	61	591	3	62	35 7	20 15	" " "
Coonoor.....	Jared W. Scudder.....	54	2	....	...	...	...	59	4	2	9	1	25	13 5	65 4 8	
Gnaodiam and 6 out stat.	John H. Wyckoff.....	86	....	3	...	...	...	49	6	....	136	5	228	6 12	12 4	
Alliendial and 2 out stat...	" "	13	....	....	...	7	...	16	.....	....	99	2	94	....	6	
Marutuvambadi	" "	15	6	....	...	...	2	21	6	6	68	1	15	.....	3	
Sattambadi and 5 out stat.	" "	103	5	4	...	...	...	45	10	4	212	5	167	10 6	14 6	
Mudnapilly and 7 out stat.	Jacob Chamberlain, M. D.	57	....	1	7	...	...	14	2	....	104	5	50	.....	10 13 8	Mudnapilly, Madr. Pres'y, Ind.
Palamanair	" " "	18	....	....	...	...	...	16	1	....	8	1	20	4 6 11	....	" " "
Tindevanum	John H. Wyckoff, (s. c.)..	16	3	3	...	...	..	20	3	2	6	1	26	.....	21 11 7	Tindevanum, " "
Kolopackam and 2 out stat	" "	39	....	....	4	...	...	28	1	....	53	2	50	5 12	3 8	" " "
Narasinganur	" "	29	....	....	...	...	2	31	1	1	31	1	17	4 8	12 2 7	" " "
Orattur and 6 out stations	" "	138	32	1	*15	6	1	73	33	35	314	5	246	24 2	39 6	" " "
Varikkal and 6 out stat...	" "	75	10	7	6	1	1	33	15	9	103	4	165	8 4	14 4	" " "
Vellore and 3 out stations.	Jared W. Scudder, M. D..	68	8	1	...	...	...	76	4	3	56	2	60	17 15 6	26 1	Vellore, " "
Kandipatur and 3 out stat.	" " " ..	82	66	....	...	...	...	105	41	66	60	2	60	13 12	15 2	" " "
Kattupadi and 7 out stat..	" " " ..	181	174	....	...	...	1	218	140	174	71	2	42	13	16	" " "
Sekadu and 2 out stations	" " " ..	93	61	....	...	...	2	97	61	61	78	3	66	8	8 10	" " "
	Total.....	1643	376	40	74	22	40	1106	399	471	2498	50	1555	194 9 5	422 1 1	

Other Ministers.—John Scudder, M. D., in America.

Candidates.—Moses Nathaniel. Abraham William.

* Dismissed to form the Church of Tindevanum.

† A Rupee is worth about 50 cents.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Hudson	Thomas B. McLeod	225	39	19	4	...	5	464	16	11	.....	.....	275	$2,092	$5,500	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	90	2	8	7	...	4	224	4	....	.....	.....	200	137 39	1,806 24	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	1	3	5	...	3	188	....	....	.....	.....	200	555 63	1,407 25	Mellenville "
Linlithgo	Thomas S. Dusinberre	95	1	3	3	...	...	132	13	....	.....	.....	80	389 45	913 08	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	94	2	....	9	...	2	251	4	1	.....	.....	160	350	1,400	Hudson, "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	107	3	....	...	...	...	195	3	1	.....	.....	106	121 08	1,115 25	Germantown, "
Upper Red Hook	E. C. Scudder	81	10	....	...	...	3	157	...	4	.....	.....	125	395 63	1,560 66	Upper Red Hook, "
Taghkanic	James C. Garretson	82	....	....	1	...	...	111	5	....	.....	.....	60	44 42	678 37	West Copake, "
Gallatin	De Witt B. Wyckoff	77	1	3	...	...	1	143	5	....	.....	.....	80	180 60	885 02	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Ch., Linlithgow	Cornelius Blauvelt, S. S.	50	....	2	...	...	...	40	....	...	.....	.....	64	.....	250	Linlithgo, "
	Total	1101	59	38	29	...	18	1905	50	17	.....	.....	1350	$4,266 20	$15,515 87	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Bevier, Emeritus, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, (s. c.) Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Perry is a teacher, Principal of Hudson Academy.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	75	....	1	....	....	2	138	2	....	.....	1	100	$22 08	$664	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	150	9	1	4	....	8	235	9	2	75	3	350	123 95	1,428 42	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	William N. Todd	100	2	1	3	1	....	160	3	....	.....	1	145	19 74	490 69	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	....	4	2	....	3	92	9	....	85	4	173	47 25	1,317 21	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	Louis J. Lockwood	60	1	2	1	....	4	100	8	....	.....	1	77	92 35	1,060	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Second Church	James Demarest, Jr.	150	7	8	6	....	9	344	7	2	.....	1	230	809 30	2,648 63	Kingston, " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	53	....	.....	....	....	....	81	.....	....	40	1	100	.....	.....	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	" "	*65	.....	.....	....	....	....	138	.....	....	30	1	80	.....	.....	" " "
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	*106	3	3	3	....	1	241	2	1	50	1	90	36 10	980 83	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.	60	2	....	3	....	4	113	14	1	50	1	84	46 10	638 31	" " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	260	11	6	3	1	9	424	17	4	229	7	326	749 20	1,854 50	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	140	11	....	1	....	3	161	10	1	162	5	389	121	1,266 03	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Vacant	75	4	....	2	1	4	122	8	3	.....	1	80	.....	.....	Rosendale, " "
St. Remy	William N. Todd	28	2	5	....	1	1	85	3	....	.....	1	68	18 57	310 44	Rifton Glen, " "
	Total	1423	52	39	28	4	48	2434	93	14	721	29	2242	$2,185 59	$12,669 06	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente (Emeritus), Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, Kingston, N. Y. Rev. Isaac S. Schenck, New Brunswick, N. J.

* Last year's report.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	146	22	14	1	...	8	284	12	5	.....	1	129	$476 18	$3,291 09	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	103	1	8	...	...	1	213	5	...	.....	3	275	294 90	2,895 60	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John A. Davis	125	4	3	3	...	...	†116	1	4	.....	3	200	160 30	1,964 88	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	93	5	2	2	...	1	134	4	2	.....	2	150	427 16	1,466 16	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	*250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	93	7	7	14	...	3	198	6	2	.....	1	210	717 09	3,425 62	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	95	10	4	..	1	3	208	5	3	100	1	170	356 36	3,100	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	227	13	9	8	1	7	413	16	7	.....	1	714	865 72	6,906 75	143 Noble st., Br'klyn, E. D., "
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	105	19	11	2	...	4	199	11	5	300	1	450	238	3,000	15 Himrod st., " " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	16	....	....	....	1	175	20	....	24	1	150	25	900	Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	80	3	....	2	....	....	27	1	....	80	1	81	111 27	368 85	220 S. 5th st., Br'klyn, E. D., "
Second Newtown	Vacant	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....
Queens	Andrew Hageman	97	1	2	7	...	1	131	4	1	80	1	148	277 17	1,497 77	Queens, "
Germ. Ev., Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	260	34	....	....	....	13	465	79	1	300	2	600	392 02	1,605 94	315 Graham av., Br'klyn, E.D. "
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	48	4	....	....	4	1	75	8	....	21	3	108	24 14	521 17	Sayville, "
Locust Valley	H. P. Craig	54	5	....	....	....	3	54	1	1	.....	1	75	82 11	916 71	Glen Cove, "
College Point	H. C. Berg	38	16	....	....	....	....	94	7	....	9	1	150	21	2,700 50	College Point, "
First Ref. Long Isl'd City	Ernest Gutweiler	36	1	7	2	....	....	36	8	....	.....	1	100	9 18	470 50	Long Island City, "
Bushwick	H. A. Powell	207	80	17	9	...	3	255	34	20	.....	1	700	181	5,042 44	232 Leonard st., Br'klyn, E.D. "
German Ev., Jamaica	J. Hones	34	7	....	....	....	3	93	12	....	8	1	80	10	800	Jamaica, "
	Total	2155	248	79	50	6	54	3170	234	51	872	26	4458	$4,768 60	$40,873 98	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. J. B. Alliger, New York City. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Minor Swick, Farmer Village, N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Wm. H. Ten Eyck (s. c.,) New Brunswick, N. J. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Union Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. * Last year's report. † Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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Brooklyn	D. N. Vanderveer	137	15	21	17	...	3	473	9	2	100	2	568	$7,532 15	$8,423 88	95 Livingston st., Br'klyn, L.I.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	110	7	5	2	...	3	223	7	2	150	1	340	4,917 14	3,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	Charles S. Wright	60	1	1	...	...	...	37	5	1	.....	1	70	.....	.....	New Utrecht, "
New Utrecht	Davis S. Sutphen	98	5	1	4	...	8	246	3	....	100	3	330	703 32	3,055 44	" "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	2	3	1	...	4	202	11	1	80	2	175	509 55	2,996 64	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	3	1	...	...	4	184	12	....	100	2	214	582 41	2,571	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse	70	5	1	1	...	2	159	9	1	.....	1	145	709 82	5,764 50	East New York, "
East New York	William J. Hill	78	6	5	8	...	1	131	4	4	300	1	325	403 79	1,981 67	" " "
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers, (s. c.)	50	5	4	4	...	1	66	10	4	100	1	193	209 68	3,566 31	1059 Third av., Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	217	20	17	13	...	7	527	25	5	125	1	411	412 23	9,185	365 Union st., " "
Twelfth st., Brooklyn	Uriah D. Gulick	190	48	12	12	3	13	572	41	16	376	1	1386	564 21	9,855 08	257 Twelfth st., " "
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson	73	17	8	4	...	7	161	11	4	.....	1	262	.....	.....	180 Clermont av., " "
Ch. on the Heights, Br'kln	S. S. Mitchell	125	20	18	22	...	9	392	7	4	100	2	500	8,713 79	7,137 20	11 Monroe Place, " "
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	80	2	.....	...	...	2	161	74	....	24	1	160	56	1,384 16	772 Herkimer st., " "
Bedford, Brooklyn	Peter E. Kipp	72	3	15	6	...	3	143	1	1	125	1	194	139 65	3,540 35	676 Bedford av., " "
Second Flatbush	Henry A. Freidel	50	5	....	1	...	...	96	8	....	16	1	65	22	1,384 52	Flatbush, "
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhaut	22	5	....	...	...	...	71	11	....	8	1	65	.....	556	Canarsie, "
	Total	1532	169	112	95	3	67	3864	248	45	1604	23	5403	$25,475 74	$64,351 75	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Alexander Shaw, 11 Macdougal st., N. Y. City. Rev. J. A. Lansing, 220 Gates av., Brooklyn. Rev. N. P. Pierce. Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey st., N. Y. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, New Orleans, La. Rev. J. West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey st., N. Y. Rev. Daniel Rapelje, Missionary to China. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I. Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 133 N. Elliot Place, Brooklyn. Rev. A. E. Myers, 71 Willow st., Brooklyn.

Candidate.—Rev. G. D. Slocum.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

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Collegiate, New York	Thomas E. Vermilye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 West 56th st., N. Y.
	Tal. W. Chambers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th st., "
	William Ormiston	700	46	34	50	...	31	1991	32	3	1362	7	2284	$21,804 59	.....	17 West 32d st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	144	14	21	15	...	5	335	11	6	250	1	578	1,357 51	.....	327 East 124th st., "
South New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	175	8	5	6	...	6	582	5	1	.....	3	650	5,000	$13,000	42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	140	3	4	1	...	4	324	11	1	200	2	400	569	7,671	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	.....	.....	1	1	...	2	68	4	.....	92	1	92	.....	.....	240 West 53d st., "
Madison Avenue	E. A. Reed	81	7	18	61	...	3	174	2	2	324	1	324	796 63	9,901 48	28 East 58th st., "
Thirty-fourth Street	Carlos Martyn	240	19	16	7	...	3	*443	14	5	.....	1	300	805	5,089	449 West 34th st., "
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	203	29	1	6	...	7	463	32	6	65	2	684	1,608 01	1,880 92	82 Second st., "
Richmond, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	.....	.....	.....	5	...	...	34	.....	.....	.....	1	50	23 97	225	Stapleton, S. I.
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	1	43	2	.....	.....	1	.....	87	375	" "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	110	7	6	3	1	4	255	13	2	200	1	475	552	3,125	145th st., cor. 3d av., N. Y.
Union, High Bridge	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S. S.	35	....	6	.....	...	1	49	3	.....	.....	1	90	95 52	784 61	" " "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	65	20	.....	.....	...	...	240	30	....	150	1	300	257 57	2,271 42	248 West 40th st., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	61	8	17	5	...	5	159	13	....	224	1	414	578	2,677 13	222 East 87th st., "
Holland	A. H. Bechthold	70	5	2	3	...	4	85	1	....	18	.....	.....	143 45	426 03	279 West 11th st., "
Brookfield, Conn	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Brookfield, Conn.
Avenue B. Ger. Evan.	Jacob Schlegel	45	57	....	2	...	1	236	72	3	24	1	200	341 14	1,287 50	602 Fifth st., N. Y.
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	130	2	3	2	...	1	228	10	....	200	.....	290	249 75	3,953 30	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Union, Sixth Avenue	William B. Merritt, (s. c.)	.....	13	8	12	...	3	311	17	4	75	1	275	491 26	6,968 85	34 Charles st., N. Y.
German, Norfolk Street	G. L. Neef	200	56	3	1	...	5	600	30	....	70	1	350	227	1,944 42	129 Norfolk st., "
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.																
	Total	2399	294	145	180	1	86	6615	302	33	3254	27	7741	$34,908 40	$61,590 66	

Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, China. Charles H. H. Wolff, Japan.
Mission Pastors.—J. Henry Bertholf, 160 West 29th st., N. Y. Abraham Thompson, 514 Ninth av., N. Y.
Other Ministers.—M. S. Hutton, 47 East 9th st., N. Y. John Forsyth, West Point, N. Y. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, S. I. J. B. Steele, New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Miller, Hempstead, N. Y. G. S. Plumley.
Candidates.—Oliver H. Walsh. In transitu, William Lloyd.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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Berea	Lawrence L. Comfort	58	1	....	....	....	3	116	13	....	25	1	75	$151 07	$1,040 46	St. Andrews, Orange Co., N.Y.
Bloomingburgh	George D. Lydecker	49	10	6	3	....	2	96	6	3	20	1	60	19 79	859 24	Bloomingburgh, Sull. " "
Callicoon	Vacant	*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Claraville	Richard P. Milliken, S. S.	....	7	....	....	....	2	44	1	7	....	2	35	5 25	75	Claraville, Sullivan Co., "
Cuddebackville	John Dubois	56	5	2	....	....	1	69	....	2	....	1	102	34 20	340 71	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark	Vacant	100	4	10	2	1	5	272	2	4	150	2	405	634 25	3,865 01	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley, (s. c.)	90	19	2	6	....	3	243	2	3	....	1	150	162 82	2,481 50	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	88	11	1	2	1	2	117	2	8	20	1	140	93 80	1,132	Woodbourne, Sullivan Co., "
Fremont	Vacant	*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Fremont, " "
Grahamville	Richard P. Milliken	43	2	....	....	....	2	79	....	....	....	2	90	12	460	Grahamville, " "
Hortonville	Vacant	*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Callicoon Depot, " "
Jeffersonville	Vacant	*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	Peter B. Crolius	90	2	2	1	....	3	110	6	....	25	1	75	....	400	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	Augustus F. Todd, S. S.	50	3	....	....	....	4	98	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	Wurtsboro, Sullivan Co., "
Minnisink	Thomas Fitzgerald, P. E.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	3	2	3	....	4	408	5	2	150	1	200	1,289 37	2,999 63	Montgomery, Orange Co., N.Y.
Newburgh	J. Halsted Carroll	332	23	5	7	....	3	504	5	....	251	1	291	385 93	5,090 27	Newburgh, " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	108	5	1	2	....	3	165	5	....	....	1	200	122 95	826 43	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	80	5	2	....	....	3	134	....	1	....	1	50	76 80	....	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch	Vacant	*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	North Branch, Sullivan Co., "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	80	2	9	....	....	6	263	10	1	40	3	125	90 55	825	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	7	5	5	2	1	200	4	1	....	1	125	304	1,300	Walden, Orange Co., "
Walpack, Upper	Gilbert S. Garretson	....	8	....	1	....	....	140	2	1	80	1	100	32	750	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.
" Lower	Henry L. Rex, P. E.	68	16	....	....	....	1	137	7	6	....	....	120	22 01	917	Bushkill, " "
Wallkill Valley	Richard De Witt	70	4	3	5	....	2	114	6	1	....	1	70	33 40	1,127 69	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., N.Y.
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	84	1	....	5	....	2	131	1	....	40	3	268	110 13	1,425	Napanock, " "
	Total	1766	138	50	42	4	52	3510	78	42	791	26	2682	$3,529 82	$24,913 94	

Other Ministers.—Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghampton, N. Y. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y. Henry M. Voorhies, Whitehouse, N. J.

* No report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	22	16	13	...	15	495	12	7	.....	1	350	$1,549 67	$3,952 71	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	145	12	5	6	...	7	325	6	4	25	1	150	1,935 71	4,509 53	" "
Fishkill	Asher Anderson	98	10	4	4	...	3	197	1	2	100	1	100	632 59	2,905	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Graham Taylor	128	4	5	4	1	3	257	6	2	75	6	240	616 04	1,126 95	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	4	12	7	...	2	148	2	2	50	5	200	387 10	1,068 33	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. Paige Peeke	105	5	1	...	...	10	221	1	1	.....	1	143	560 63	1,379 94	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill Landing	C. W. Fritts	120	7	2	3	...	..	243	1	2	.....	1	190	700	2,806 41	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	G. R. Garretson	75	6	....	1	...	6	146	2	2	.....	1	59	148 48	1,237 73	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	J. C. Van Deventer	47	2	1	...	...	1	58	2	....	.....	1	100	194 06	940 08	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	*28	....	....	1	...	1	41	....	....	15	1	45	.....	.....	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	Henry N. Cobb	81	9	1	2	...	2	123	3	7	.....	3	183	435 18	1,388 25	Millbrook, "
	Total	1112	81	47	41	1	50	2254	36	29	265	22	1760	$7,159 46	$21,314 93	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. C. D. Rice, Principal of Ossening Institute, Sing Sing, N. Y. Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J. Rev. C. S. Hageman, D. D., Nyack, N. Y.

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bronxville	John Hutchins	43	8	3	...	...	...	73	1	1	.....	2	93	$350 51	$1,901 66	Bronxville, N. Y.
Cortlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	80	12	1	3	...	...	75	2	5	53	2	120	23 47	1,435 77	Montrose, " "
Fordham	William Anderson	50	2	....	2	...	1	78	4	1	.....	1	100	51 52	1,920 58	Fordham, " City.
Greenburgh	Vacant	20	...	...	...	...	...	14	1	....	.....	1	30	5 86	374 93	Hartsdale, " "
Greenville	Vacant	42	3	3	...	...	1	60	2	...	.....	1	50	.....	800	Scarsdale, " "
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	78	9	3	5	1	3	180	10	5	.....	2	200	599 42	2,758 32	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
Melrose	John E. Lang	52	26	....	1	...	6	96	25	....	17	1	275	34	843 86	Morrisania, " City.
Mount Vernon	Mancius H. Hutton, (s. c.)	118	2	8	18	...	4	262	8	2	158	1	211	572 74	5,334 96	Mount Vernon, " "
Peekskill	Isaac L. Kipp	68	2	2	4	...	4	137	3	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	120	5	6	8	...	2	250	3	2	.....	1	175	670 71	3,321 89	North Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	13	11	10	...	7	327	3	6	55	1	.....	827 12	6,061 49	Tarrytown, " "
Unionville	Howard Harris	64	44	1	...	...	1	105	6	32	30	1	98	76 33	1,149 24	Neperan, " "
West Farms	John Simonson	41	1	....	3	...	2	51	10	1	45	1	112	300 10	784 16	West Farms, " City.
Yonkers	David Cole	150	9	16	21	1	5	360	6	2	143	1	350	1,493 14	4,657 87	Yonkers, " "
	Total	1026	136	54	75	2	36	2068	84	59	501	17	1814	$5,004 92	$31,244 73	

Other Ministers.—A. Roosevelt, Occasional Supply, Pelham, N. Y. L. H. Van Dyck, Superintendent Hertzog Hall Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. Brush, Occasional Supply, Morristown, N. J. James H. Hoyt, Stated Supply of Presbyterian Church, Bedford, N. Y. R. L. Schoonmaker, Secretary American Colonization Society, Scarsdale, N. Y. W. W. Rand, Secretary American Tract Society, 150 Nassau st., N. Y. City.

Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 1879.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd		Now in Communion.	BAP.		No. of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.		No. of Sab. Schools.	Total No. Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
													Rupees.	Rupees.	
Classis of Arcot	21	6	2	1643	876	40	1106	399	471	2498	50	1555	11 12 0	50 2 0	J. H. Wyckoff.
Classis of Hudson	10	13	..	1101	59	38	1905	50	17	.....	....	1350	$4,266 20	$15,575 87	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Classis of Kingston	14	14	..	1304	52	39	2434	92	14	721	29	2242	2,185 59	12,669 06	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island	20	26	1	2155	248	79	3170	234	51	872	26	4458	4,766 60	40,873 98	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island	16	28	1	1532	169	112	3864	248	45	1604	23	5403	25,475 74	64,351 75	Henry V. S. Myers.
Classis of New York	21	31	2	2399	294	145	6615	302	33	3254	27	7741	34,903 40	61,590 66	Wm. B. Merritt.
Classis of Orange	26	24	..	1766	138	50	3510	78	42	791	26	2682	3,529 89	24,913 94	Edward W. Bentley.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	11	15	..	1112	81	47	2254	36	29	265	22	1760	7,150 46	21,314 98	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Westchester	14	18	2	1026	186	54	2068	84	59	501	17	1814	5,004 22	31,244 73	Mancius H. Hutton.
Total	153	175	8	14038	1353	604	26926	1523	761	10501	220	29,005	$87,293 73	$272,474 92	

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported upon the minutes of each of the Classes as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Hudson find them in good order and well kept. We feel that they will meet with and commend themselves to the approval of Synod.

C. S. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston, find that they have been well kept, and recommend their approval.

P. VAN WYCK, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee to examine the Minutes of the North Classis of Long Island, respectfully report, that they have carefully read them over and find them in excellent order and well kept. As to the constitutional inquiries, there are seven answers in the negative to the 2d question, from the sixteen Churches that were represented at the last meeting of Classis, five being not represented at all.

There appears also a manifest lack on the part of some of the Churches respecting the most important duty of the catechising of the children by the pastor. The other questions are satisfactorily answered with very few exceptions.

Respectfully,

J. W. GEYER, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee find the book of the South Classis of Long Island well kept, and as far as your Committee could discover, in good order. They note with satisfaction the almost entire unanimity of the affirmative answers to the constitutional questions.

A resolution is sent up to this Synod from them in reference to the present claims of the cause of Foreign Missions and the

condition of the Board of Foreign Missions, in order that some action may be taken by which all the Classes and Churches under their care may be led to feel more deeply the importance of this cause, and to contribute more liberally.

Your Committee would call the attention of this Synod to this branch of our church work and its great needs, and earnestly urge upon the Churches connected with this Synod, the continuance of their efforts heretofore put forth, and recommend that the Secretary of that Board arrange as far as practicable for special meetings at central points in the different Classes, to be addressed by himself and such ministers or returned Missionaries as may be secured for such purpose, that by new light and information new efforts may be enlisted on behalf of this most worthy cause. Also that the children of our Sabbath-schools, the teachers and Superintendents, be asked to give at least a portion of their contributions to this cause.

L. L. COMFORT, *Chairman.*

Classis of New York.—In the record there is nothing to engage the attention of Synod.

D. B. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Classis of Orange.—The Committee on the Classis of Orange report that the book of the Classis has not been brought to Synod, and cannot, therefore, be acted upon. The Committee regret to learn that this omission has occurred before, and recommend that the attention of the Classis of Orange be called to this subject, and that they be earnestly enjoined to remedy the defect in future.

T. S. DUSENBERRE, *Chairman.*

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—The Committee on the Classis of Poughkeepsie report, that the book of Classis has not been brought to Synod, and cannot, therefore, be acted upon. The Committee regret to learn that this omission has occurred before, and recommend that the attention of the Classis of Poughkeepsie be called to the subject, and that they be earnestly enjoined to remedy the defect in future.

L. H. VAN DYCK, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, report, that they find nothing requiring the special attention of this Synod.

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the paper referred to them, viz: the application of the Consistory of St. John's Reformed Church at Laurel Hill, L. I., to be transferred from the North to the South Classis of Long Island.

The first question which confronted your Committee in the consideration of this request, was as to the existence of this Church. The Committee find from the records of the North Classis of Long Island, that a resolution was passed by the Classis on November 25th last, to disband the Church at Laurel Hill. They also find a record of instructions to a Committee that had been previously appointed on the affairs of this Church, to carry out the action of disbandment. On the other hand the brethren of the Consistory of the Church at Laurel Hill who have come to this Synod with the application under consideration, declare that no one representing the Classis has been on the ground since that action was taken, and that they have received no notice of any steps to carry out such action. Your Committee can find no record on the Minutes of the Classis, of any official notification by the Stated Clerk to the Consistory of the Church in question, that such resolution had been adopted by the Classis, neither do they find a record of any report made by the Committee who were appointed to carry out the resolution. From the concurrent evidence, therefore, of the classical records and of the testimony of the brethren representing the Church at Laurel Hill, your Committee conclude that the action of Classis looking to the disbandment of that Church, has never been consummated, and that the Church is therefore still in existence, and they recommend that this Synod so decide.

Coming next to the request itself, that the Church at Laurel Hill be transferred to the South Classis of Long Island, your Committee can see no good reason why such change should be made. As regards geographical position and natural affiliations, this Church properly belongs in its present classical relations. They are disposed to think, however, that the North Classis of Long Island may have resolved on the disbandment of the Church on insufficient grounds.

Your Committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the North Classis of Long Island be advised to review its action in reference to the Church at Laurel Hill.

J. DEMAREST, JR., *Chairman of Committee.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee recommend that the nominations made by the various Classes, for Delegates to General Synod, be confirmed.

We would also present the following as preacher for the evening of the second day of the session of 1880. *Primarius,* Rev. David N. Vanderveer; *Secundus,* Rev. M. L. Haines. Subject: Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the first afternoon following the election of officers was spent in devotion, under the lead of the President, and the first hour of Wednesday's session was spent in the same manner under the lead of the President. The special sermon before Synod was preached on the second evening, by Rev. H. N. Cobb, D.D., from John 20:21, last clause. The sermon presented forcibly the proposition that Christ had constituted His Church a *Mission Church.*

The Stated Clerk is hereby directed to procure the printing

of the usual numbers of copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod.

The consideration of the cause of Foreign Missions, and the present overburdened condition of the Board in consequence of very heavy debt, was made the order of the day at the opening of the session of the second afternoon, and was continued until five o'clock, P.M. Many warm expressions of interest in this great cause were made by the brethren of the Synod. The following action was had:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New York urges upon the Churches of the several Classes composing the Synod, to continue, and if possible, redouble their efforts and contributions in behalf of Missions. Those Churches which are now contributing nothing are especially requested to take this matter into their prayerful consideration. We urge them to remember the old Scotch proverb, "Many a mickle makes a muckle." Let all give something, however little, and the result will be enough.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The *Christian Intelligencer Association*, composed of both ministers and Elders of our Church, at great sacrifice of time and money, have made the *Christian Intelligencer* a first class representative religious newspaper. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod do most heartily endorse the *Christian Intelligencer* as a paper which deserves a place in every family of our communion, and as pastors and Elders we make special efforts to introduce it into all our families.

Resolved, That the pastors of our Churches be earnestly asked to interest themselves in the success of this paper as closely connected with the interests of our Church, and that they be requested to commend the paper from their pulpits to the favor of their people.

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledge with thanks the very cordial hospitality with which its members have been entertained by the families of the Reformed Church of Greenpoint. Our thanks are also due to the pastor, Rev. Lewis Francis, for his polite attention to our comfort, and to the Consistory for the use of their church edifice.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following report and account, which were referred to the Committee on the Questorate:

To the Particular Synod of New York:

The Questor in presenting his account is happy to inform Synod that dues from Classes have been paid in full.

Receipts during the past year, inclusive of balance on hand May 1st, 1878, amount to four hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-six cents, and payments for contingent expenses were one hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty-one cents, leaving a balance in the Questor's hands of two hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, or more than sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of Synod for the ensuing year.

The Questor would, therefore, respectfully suggest that he be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May 1st, 1880.

Respectfully submitted,

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

New York, May 5th, 1879.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1878.	Dr.		
June 24,	To Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May 1st, 1879	$50	
	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage	4	55
	Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., amounts advanced by him as follows:		
	For printing notices of appointment to Synod	2	50
	" binding Minutes of Synod	1	
	" Doorkeeper's bill	3	
July 11,	To Cash paid Hosford & Sons for printing Minutes of 1878. (450 copies.)	104	46
1879.			
May 5,	Cash Balance due Synod to new account	268	35
		$433	86

1878.	Cr.		
May 7,	By Cash Balance from old account	$107	86
July 3,	Cash from Rev. Philip Peltz, Questor, Classis of Kingston	35	
July 8,	Cash from Rev. W. B. Merritt, Questor, Classis of New York	59	
July 23,	Cash from R. B. Shepard, Esq., Questor, Classis of Hudson	25	
Aug. 15,	Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor, Classis of Orange, on account	30	
Oct. 11,	Cash from Rev. E. P. Ingersoll, Questor, South Classis of Long Island	40	
Oct. 19,	Cash from Rev. W. S. Brown, Questor, Classis of Orange, balance	27	
1879.			
Mch. 13,	Cash from Rev. A. P. Van Giesen, Questor, Classis of Poughkeepsie	28	
Mch. 31,	Cash from Rev. Isaac L. Kipp, Questor, Classis of Westchester	32	
Apl. 14,	Cash from Rev. Wm. Ferris, Questor, North Classis of Long Island	50	
		$433	86

The Committee on the Questorate have examined the accounts and accompanying vouchers and find them correct.

On the basis of the accompanying financial statement and the suggestion of the Questor, we recommend the following:

Whereas, The balance due this Synod will meet the probable expenses for the coming year, therefore,

Resolved, The Questor be authorized to omit the assessment of Classes for the year ending May 1st, 1880.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAIGE PEEKE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Rev. John Scudder, M. D.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. D. Perry,	Elder Allen Rossman,
" Thomas B. McLeod,	" R. B. Shepard,
" Jas. C. Garretson.	" Peter Pells.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder,	Elder Francis Eltinge,
" John S. Himrod,	" Frederick D. Gardner,
" A. J. Sebring.	" Walter V. Ten Broeck.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, D.D.	Elder James Sahler,
" Philip Peltz, D.D.,	" John L. Deyo,
" John B. Church.	" John Alliger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Isaac S. Schenck,	Elder Andrew B. Snyder,
" M. F. Liebenau,	" Henry Hoffman,
" Wm. H. Vroom.	" Wm. H. Krum.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	Elder J. S. Burr,
" O. E. Cobb,	" Thos. S. Shepard,
" Wm. H. De Hart,	" Martin I. Duryea,
" H. P. Craig.	" Daniel V. Weeks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry A. Powell,	Elder Wm. J. Van Horne,
" John M. Wagner,	" Charles Maclea,
" William Ferris,	" George Gazely,
" E. S. Fairchild.	" Daniel Brinkerhoff.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, D.D.	Elder DeWitt Van Orden,
" Wm. J. Hill.	" I. S. Hand,
" H. A. Friedel.	" J. Remsen Bennett.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. S. Mitchell, D.D.,	Elder J. Newton,
" Alex. R. Thompson, D.D.,	" Isaac E. Bergen,
" Peter E. Kipp.	" A. A. Raven.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D.,	Elder Samuel Sloan,
" Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.,	" Samuel B. Schieffelin,
" G. W. Mandeville, D.D.,	" Wm. Bogardus,
" E. A. Reed.	" Wm. N. Clark.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. W. Geyer,	Elder H. Camerden, Jr.,
" John Forsyth, D.D.,	" James Anderson, M.D.,
" Wm. B. Merritt,	" H. P. Allen,
" Hasbrouck Du Bois.	" N. S. King, M.D.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Edward W. Bentley, D.D.	Elder John Lyon,
" John T. Demarest, D.D.,	" Christopher J. Mould,
" Richard DeWitt,	" William Crowell,
" George D. Lydecker,	" T. J. Deyo,
" M. V. Schoonmaker, D.D.	" Alfred Bateman.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Du Bois,	Rev. J. Y. Shafer,
" Walter S. Brown,	" Daniel S. Mould,
" Samuel W. Mills, D.D.,	" Charles Clearwater,
" Gilbert S. Garretson,	" J. P. Muir,
" R. H. Beattie, D.D.	" J. L. LaMoree, M.D.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.

PRIMARII.

Rev. H. Heermance,	Elder E. C. Bolton,
" Graham Taylor,	" Wm. Bogardus,
" Asher Anderson.	" Garret Du Bois.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Elmendorf, D.D.,	Elder Isaac Riggs,
" Henry Ward,	" Wm. P. Roberts,
" Henry N. Cobb, D.D.	" John H. Mathews.

Classis of Westchester.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Isaac L. Kip,	Elder J. A. Van Tassel,
" John E. Lang,	" J. J. Leviness,
" T. R. G. Peck,	" I. Pooley, M.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Brush,	Elder Alexander Masterton,
" John Simonson,	" James Stewart,
" Howard Harris.	" James S. Van Court.

ARTICLE XXII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Particular Synod of New York adjourned to meet in Regular Session, in the Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1880, at three o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The Minutes of Synod were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned with prayer by the President.

C. I. SHEPARD. *President.*
WM. B. MERRITT, *Adsessor.*

J. W. SCHENCK, }
A. PAIGE PEEKE, } *Temporary Clerks.*

Official, from the Original Minutes.

ANSON DuBOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New York.

THE Particular Synod of New York met in Regular Session in the Reformed Church of Mount Vernon, N. Y., on the fourth day of May, A. D., 1880, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and adjourned at 11 o'clock of the second day of the session.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles I. Shepard, President of the last Synod, and the sermon was preached by him on the evening of the first day from John 14:16. "*I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.—Revs. William D. Perry, James Wyckoff, E. C. Scudder, M.D. *Elders*,—J. C. Benhem, M.D., George Vosburg.

Classis of Kingston.—Revs. Philip Peltz, D.D., John B. Church. *Elders.*—Uriah Auchmoody, William Palen.

North Classis of Long Island.—Revs. George D. Hulst, Herman C. Berg, Henry A. Powell, Ernest Gutweiler. *Elders,*—A. H. Downer, William J. Van Horne, Jabez Harris.

South Classis of Long Island.—Revs. Jacob Whitehurst, Jacob Weber. *Elder,*—Isaac E. Bergen.

Classis of New York.—Revs. William Ormiston, D.D., Abraham Thompson, Andrew J. Park. *Elders.*—Peter Donald, Henry Camerden, Jr., Henry Van Arsdale.

Classis of Orange.—Rev. Richard DeWitt. *Elder.*—T. J. Deyo.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Revs. Joachim Elmendorf, D.D., Henry N. Cobb, D.D. *Elders,*—Edward L. Beadle, William Seward.

Classis of Westchester.—Revs. C. K. Clearwater, Isaac L. Kip. *Elder.*—J. Van Sandford.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. William Ormiston was elected President, and Rev. Herman Berg was elected Adsessor. Revs. William Perry and George D. Hulst were elected temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST.

The Minutes of the Session of May, 1879, and the Bequest of Rev. Elias Benschoten were read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

The Report of the Special Committee, appointed at the last Session to revise the Rules of Order, was presented. It was accepted, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

At the Session of Synod for 1879 a Committee, consisting of Rev. William B. Merritt, Elder A. J. Beekman, and the Stated Clerk, was appointed to revise the Rules of Order of this Particular Synod, and report in 1880. Since that Session, in which he was also Adsessor of Synod, our dear Brother Merritt has been called from the toils and cares of his earthly ministry to the rest and reward of Heaven. His associates feel that the record which they are thus unexpectedly, and in the deepest sorrow, called to make of the brother's removal is, perhaps, soon to be made for them by those who will survive, and that this admonition is addressed to each servant of Christ. "Be ye also ready, for at such a time as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Your Committee has carefully considered the matter entrusted to them, and feel that the wisest thing for them to do is to report the Rules of Order as adopted and used by our General Synod, and printed in all the copies of the Constitution and Digest, to be the Rules of Order of this Particular Synod. These rules were prepared with great care by an able Committee of General Synod quite recently. Your Committee is not vain enough to suppose that it can furnish you with anything better. These rules are perfectly adapted to all our needs and peculiarities with a few slight changes to be soon noticed, and are always in the hand of nearly all of our clerical, and of many of our lay delegates at every Session. We, therefore, report and recommend the adoption of General Synod's Rules of Order as the Rules of Order of this Particular Synod of New York, with the changes and omissions here noted, viz:

1. The term *General Synod* to be superceded by the term "Particular Synod," in every case.

2. Section (20) twenty to be changed into the following, after the words *Standing Committees*, viz:

(1.) On Synodical Minutes.
(2.) On Classical Minutes.
(3.) On Classical Reports.
(4.) On the Questorate.
(5.) On Overtures and Judicial Business.
(6.) On Nominations.

The results of the examinations of the Minutes of the Classes shall be indicated upon the books of the respective Classes by the use of the following formula, which shall be signed by the President, viz: "Examined thus far, and acted upon by the Particular Synod of New York."

3. Section (24) twenty-four of the Rules of General Synod shall be changed as follows, after the words "Religious Exercises, viz:

(1.) The first hour of the first afternoon after the election of officers shall be devoted to religious exercises under the lead of the President or Adsessor.

(2.) The paragraph numbered (4) four, and section (25) twenty-five of General Synod's rules shall be omitted.

4. Section (26) twenty-six of General Synod's rules shall be amended by changing the numbering from 26 to 25.

5. Section (27) twenty-seven of General Synod's rules shall be amended by changing the number 27 to 26, and by omitting "and 25" so as to read: 26. These rules (except 22, 23, and 24) shall be read at the opening of each Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ANSON DU BOIS,
ABRAM J. BEEKMAN. } *Committee.*

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—Revs. J. Wyckoff, Jacob Whitehurst, Abraham Thompson. *Elders*,—Geo. Vosburg, Jabez Harris.

ON CLASSICAL MINUTES.—*For Classis of Hudson*—Rev. John B. Church and *Elder* William Palen. *For Classis of Kingston*—Rev. Wm. D. Perry and *Elder* J. C. Benhem. *For North Classis of Long Island*—Rev. Jacob Weber and *Elder* Isaac C. Bergen. *For South Classis of Long Island*—Rev. H. C. Berg, and *Elder* A. H. Downer. *For Classis of New York*—Rev. Richard DeWitt and *Elder* T. I. Deyo. *For Classis of Orange*—Rev. A. J. Park and *Elder* H. Camerden, Jr. *For Classis of Poughkeepsie*—Rev. C. K. Clearwater and *Elder* Peter Donald. *For Classis of Westchester*—Rev. H. N. Clark and *Elder* E. L. Beadle.

ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.—Revs. Philip Peltz, H. C. Berg, E. Gutweiler. *Elders*,—Wm. J. Van Horne, U. Auchmoody.

ON THE QUESTORATE.—Revs. H. N. Cobb, R. DeWitt, A. J. Park. *Elders*,—H. Van Arsdale, H. Camerden, Jr.

ON OVERTURES AND JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Rev. A. Thompson, P. Donald, C. K. Clearwater. *Elders*,—P. Donald, Wm. Palen.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Rev. J. Elmendorf, G. D. Hulst, J. Weber. *Elders*.—A. H. Downer, J. C. Benhem.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Rev. Sandford H. Cobb, stating that among the archives of his Church at Saugerties, N. Y., has been found a Ms. volume, without covers, containing a "Vera Copia" of Minutes of Particular Synod of New York for years 1800 to 1808, except for 1806, for which year were the Minutes of General Synod. The Minutes of Particular Synod were written by Gerardus A. Kuypers, and those of General Synod by James V. C. Romeyn. Their interest, as *relics*, were referred to, and they were placed at the disposal of the Synod. It was

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Synod are hereby given to Rev. Sandford H. Cobb, of Saugerties, for copies of Minutes of this Synod, and of General Synod.

2. That the Stated Clerk be directed to deposit these and all other spare manuscript copies of Minutes of Synod in the Gardner A. Sage Library.

ARTICLE IV.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, and of the several Particular Synods for 1879, and have found nothing demanding the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

OTHER PARTICULAR SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick, for 1879, were laid upon the table, and were referred to the Committe on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported the following, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Classical Reports respectfully present, that the reports of the Classes are generally in good order. The only exceptions can be, and doubtless will be, supplied.

As these reports will be fully printed in the Minutes of this Synod, they will be passed by without much comment.

The review of these reports is very gratifying. The membership of the Churches, in nearly every Classis, shows an increase over that reported a year ago.

As our Synod includes the Missionary Classis of Arcot, it will be cause for special thankfulness that we should mention large advance in that Classis.

We must make the sad confession in connection with our position as a Missionary Synod, that the gifts of the Classis for Religious and Benevolent Purposes show a falling off from the reported gifts of last year; the Classis of New York being the only exception to this statement of classical witholding more than is meet. God save us from the poverty of soul and destitution of blessed results connected with such shortcoming.

The Ministerial changes are duly noticed in connection with the classical reports, but we feel impelled to mention specially two removals by death. We note the unlooked-for loss to our working force in the ministry of the Rev. Wm. B. Merritt, who was to have reported special work for this Synod of 1880. God bless his irreparable loss to us and the Church, by quickening our earnestness and faithfulness to the Master. The sudden removal of Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., calls for the expression of thankfulness that he was so long spared to do much and valuable service for the Church and for Christ's cause. He was a burning and shining light. Whilst we see that light dissolving into the glory of heaven, may we learn to do full work for the Master and the Church, whether our days be many or few.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP PELTZ, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report:

That the returns from the Churches give no occasion for despondency, nor yet for exultation. Each has enjoyed the usual privileges, and none has any cause to deplore any evidence of Divine disfavor, and all are hopeful.

In additions on Confession of Faith in Jesus, Gallatin is the banner Church, while Upper Red Hook marches closely to the happy leader, Livingston, at Linlithgo, follows next, and Hudson and First Claverack join hands in taking together the fourth place; the numbers being, respectively, 17, 15, 8, and 7.

Hudson remarks: "The year just closed has been an anxious and an eventful one." "The prospects of prosperity with which we entered upon the year were suddenly and sadly blighted by the unexpected removal of our Pastor, Rev. T. B.

McLeod, to another field." "The slight addition to our membership can be attributed readily to the causes already indicated." "We again rejoice in the presence of a Pastor."

First Claverack, after stating that, "the Gospel has borne fruit in the addition of seven to the Church on Confession of their Faith," says: "The review of the year gives occasion of thankfulness for manifestations of Divine goodness, and of courage to proceed onward, with confident trust in a tried Word and a faithful Arm."

Second Claverack mentions that, "The attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary has been good. Two Sabbath-schools and two prayer-meetings have been maintained throughout the year. * * * A chapel has been erected in the village of Philmont, about three-fourths of a mile from the church, which, it is believed, will increase our usefulness among the young population."

Linlithgo says; "Fidelity has been shown to all the ordinances of God's house, and yet the household of God has not numerically increased. Conscious that it is God who giveth the increase, we continually wait *upon* Him, while we wait *for* Him."

Greenport says: "Trials have been among us, some have suffered severely in their worldly estates, and have been driven from their comfortable homes, which has rendered it impossible for them to give their usual aid for the maintenance of God's house. * * * While the Church of God always has its trials, and is assured that good shall be the result, we have a serious perplexity, to wit: That as soon as the people of God are dispossessed of their worldly goods, they almost entirely forsake the house of God, as a source of comfort in their troubles. While we judge not, we fear that wealth too easily and too frequently, becomes idolatry, and when calamity comes, the bereaved take up the lamentation, 'ye have taken away my gods, which I made, and what have I more even in the house of God that I should cherish?' This, however, may arise from the peculiar nature of covetousness and the phase of piety in the Church of Christ. * * * But all losers of property are not as these. There are some who bow with humble submission to God's will, and fervently ask to be sanctified through the Spirit, and these dark dispensations, and brought up to the exercise of greater zeal and usefulness in the Church of Christ."

Germantown, after gratefully acknowledging "a fair degree of temporal prosperity," and specifying "our parsonage debt has been nearly cancelled," says: "We are certain that the Holy Spirit has worked to some extent, and yet no fruit has been matured for an ingathering." "We do not despair, however, but believe that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and that it has been preparing the way for the effectual call."

Upper Red Hook adds no remarks to the statistical table, in which the pleasant exhibit is made of *fifteen* received on Confession of Faith in the Lord Jesus, and of liberality in contributing both to benevolent and congregational purposes.

Taghkanic reports: "The warmness desirable may not exist, as a whole, but the general ambition is good and commendable." "Many men of mature age are in our midst, without hope; their salvation and that of the young is necessary for the continuance of all true enterprise." "They are attentive hearers of the truth, but, as yet, lack a visible impression." "But we do not stand still. The river is not frozen, nor are the waters foul with corruption. A pleasant harmony and interest are noteworthy in every attempt to further our heritage." "A debt of about seven hundred dollars has been fully erased."

Gallatin observes: "We have passed through unexpected trial, and the Lord has strengthened us in the time of weakness. Our prospect for future growth is good." "We are still free from debt. God has awakened many souls in this community, and *seventeen* adult persons have confessed the Lord Jesus."

Livingston, at Linlithgo, says: "The attendance on the various services has become decidedly encouraging, and the attention as well as the order during service is highly satisfactory. * * * A few have professed conversion, while others are giving evidence of an earnest and serious thoughtfulness on the subject of religion. Upon the whole, in spiritual things, there is a manifest improvement."

One thing is generally notable, the appropriations of the people, of their substance, to the support of the Gospel, both at home and abroad, does not bear any due proportion to the style of ordinary living and the amounts expended upon the gratification of personal desire. The order of our Lord, "Take no thought, saying, what shall we eat," &c., but "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," Matt. 6: 31–33, is in practice by no means approximated. Perhaps the trial to

"do the things which He (here) says" is scarcely made. Does not this account for the necessity of living in hope, instead of enjoying present fruit?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON,

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report the following summary of the condition of the Churches:

The Church of the Clove has enjoyed a prosperous year. A goodly number of middle aged persons have publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus. Some of the converts who give good evidence of a real change, illustrate the Gospel principle that Divine grace can subdue any heart, however obdurate and depraved, and however hostile to religion. The interior of the church edifice at High Falls has been improved at a cost of over $200, the expense of which was immediately defrayed.

The Church of Dashville Falls has held its own, but has not made much advance. The attendance at both the Sabbath services has been full, but the weekly prayer-meeting has exhibited a lack of interest. The Sabbath-school has been continued the whole year.

The Church of Hurley reports prosperity in both spiritual and temporal affairs. Eighteen persons have been added to its membership on profession of their faith in Christ, the majority of them being from the Sabbath-school. The Sabbath services have been well attended and also the prayer-meeting, which has been warm and effective. A considerable debt has been reduced to $350, and the time is confidently anticipated when this will be disposed of, thus affording larger opportunity for benevolent liberality, which, however, has not been neglected.

The Second Church of Kingston has celebrated, during the past year, the thirtieth anniversary of its organization, on which occasion, among other exercises, an historical paper was read by the Hon. Marius Schoonmaker, a printed copy of which is presented by the Consistory to the Classis. This service was held on the occasion of first entering the audience room of the church edifice, after it had undergone repairs and improvements through a period of five months. There has not been that spiritual life in the Church which would match its material renovation, yet it has not been left without witness of the presence of the Divine Spirit.

The Church of Krumville is in a prosperous condition. Some of the most prominent and aged veterans of the Church have been removed by death, but the manifest presence of the Lord has been vouchsafed in the salvation of souls. A series of meetings held during the winter resulted, under God's blessing, in the conversion of sixteen persons. The whole number who have confessed their faith in Christ during the year is twenty-four.

The Church of Lyonsville reports a good degree of prosperity. A series of meetings held during the winter, lasting for some five weeks, developed a great degree of religious interest among the membership, and resulted in several conversions. This Church has not been able to make collections for the Boards of Missions during the past year, nor fully to meet its own current expenses, but hopes to do better another year.

The Church of Marbletown reports an advance in both spiritual and temporal interests. Though falling short of its desires and prayers, the past year has, nevertheless, been marked by encouragement, inspiring the hope of still better things. An increased liberality has been shown in the contributions for religious and benevolent objects. The Sabbath-school maintained its usual prosperity, and contemplates doing something independently toward the education of heathen children.

The Church of North Marbletown is prosperous in its temporalities, and the Sabbath attention to the preached Word seems marked by increasing earnestness ; yet the results, as regards the ingathering of souls, have been such as to prompt the question, " Who hath believed our report ?" The anxious hope and united prayer of pastor and people is that the set time to favor Zion will soon come.

The Church of New Paltz reports that its annals have been too quiet for its welfare, this quietness, marking as it does, the absence of that stirring interest which is desirable in the Lord's service. No little interest has, however, been shown in the services of the Sanctuary. An additional Sunday-school has been organized, making eight schools in all. The schedule of objects of benevolent contributions has been faithfully adhered to, affording an opportunity for a benevolent collection twice in each month.

The Church of Rochester, whilst having nothing striking to present, yet feels that it has cause for gratitude to God for a

year of blessing. In temporal affairs success has crowned its efforts. Spiritually, a marked growth in grace is manifest on the part of many of its members, and a number have united, or are about to unite, with the Church, while several are inquiring the way of life. The Sunday-school remains as in the past —a power for good.

The Church of Rosendale has been without the stated means of grace during the past year, having had only an occasional supply. It has suffered also from the inroads of death among its membership, particularly the aged, as never before in its history. A further discouragement has been a heavy financial encumbrance. Notwithstanding all, however, it is thankful for the liberality and zeal, particularly of the ladies of the congregation, by means of which it has now become free from debt. Very recently a call has been extended to a minister in New Jersey to become its pastor, and the future is hopefully anticipated.

The Church of St. Remy has had no special awakening on the part of the unconverted, but a steady, quiet reign of grace in the Church. The Sabbath-school has exhibited a good degree of interest.

The Church of Bloomingdale has been blessed with a work of grace in the hearts of the unconverted. The Week of Prayer was observed with unusual fervor, and was followed by three weeks of preaching and effort that was not in vain.

The Church of Guilford feels that in the review of the year it has abundant cause to thank God and take courage, since unmistakeable evidences are enjoyed that the Divine blessing has attended its labors. Two regular weekly prayer-meetings have been nobly sustained, besides neighborhood prayer-meetings. The Sabbath-schools are in a flourishing condition, with zeal and spiritual fervor characterising the efforts of the teachers.

Upon the whole, it is manifest that the Classis has made an advance movement during the year: not to the extent, indeed, which privilege and opportunity have called for, but to an extent which calls on us to admire and praise the Divine goodness that has accepted and blessed the imperfect service which we have rendered. The lesson of this goodness is one of fresh consecration to our work, since the Lord is evidently not slack concerning His promise.

JAS. DEMAREST, JR., *Chairman Com.*

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

Your Committee on the State of Religion report, as it is our duty, what the Churches have done during the year. We try to give facts, and let them speak.

Of *Jamaica* we report, that there has been progress made, a progress that is healthy and substantial. An indication of progress is the encouraging statement, that this Church has increased its contributions to the Mission Boards nearly threefold. The income of the Church has not only sufficed to meet all ordinary expenses, but to pay about twelve hundred dollars for repairs and the refurnishing of lecture and Sunday-school room. Blessed with a season of special revival, yet the record, of seventeen added on confession, indicates that there has been an ingathering as well as a time of sowing. If Jamaica have discouragements, the report does not show it, though the record tells of ten names taken on, we trust, from the roll of earth to that of Heaven.

Oyster Bay reports progress in nearly every department of church work. There is a deepening interest in the Sabbath-school, and the evidence of a quiet revival in the Church. As proof the fact is stated that, instead of the single prayer-meeting of two years ago, with sometimes none but the Pastor to pray, there are now four well sustained weekly prayer-meetings, with frequently more to take part than time will allow. Souls are also seeking Christ, and some indulging a hope in Him, though none as yet have been gathered into the membership.

A sad feature of the work in this Church is, that owing to the temporary ill-health of the Pastor, he has been compelled to cease his work at Jericho.

North Hempstead is still a vacant Church. Though for more than half of the year without a Pastor, their usual services have been continued with little change to be noted. The people are anxious to settle a minister, and, instead of being at a loss for one, are in difficulty as to which of a number they shall select.

Astoria adds but little to its statistical report, but that little makes us wish for more. In every column indicating progress the numbers are larger than last year; while the contributions for Benevolence and Congregational purposes have increased greatly. There has been special activity in the Young Men's Association and Sabbath-school of the Church. The school has

out-grown its room. Through the zeal of the ladies of the Church, part of the money needed for enlarging this school-room has been secured.

Flushing tells that while enjoying a fair degree of prosperity, there has been a loss in membership by removal and death, that more than balances the gain; but the increase in the Sabbath-school, as well as of contributions for Benevolence and for Congregational purposes, indicate that the activity of this Church is the same as in former years. The increase of the Sabbath-school has necessitated the enlarging of its room. While there have been five added to the Church on confession, we judge that this has been rather a year of lengthening of cords and strengthening of stakes, than of great and immediate successes.

Greenpoint reports "nothing special regarding spiritual work," but we are glad to say that the nothing includes seven admitted on confession, and eight by certificate; also harmony among the people, and good attendance at Church, Sabbath-school, and prayer-meeting. Here too the Sunday-school has lacked for room, and a building admirably adapted to the needs of the school, and capable of accommodating one thousand members, is nearly completed. One item in the statistical report does not seem to indicate progress. Less than half as much has been given this year as last for Benevolence; but then four thousand dollars more than last year have been given for Congregational purposes.

The German Evangelical of Brooklyn, as usual, brings a good report. In their song of thanksgiving we join; though as we study their report more closely we drop a note or two at the end of the chorus. Peace and harmony have reigned in their borders; the Sabbath-school and church are filled to overflowing; and the re-echoing of their cry "give us more room" reaches us. With twenty-two received on confession and twelve lost by dismission and death, their numbers are still hopefully increasing. They have taken measures for building a new church to cost twenty-five thousand dollars; and have in cash and subscription thirteen thousand dollars, while they appeal to us for the remaining eleven thousand.

Sayville.—When we remember the size and ability of the Church at *Sayville* we see special cause for gratification in their report; yet cannot help feeling a deep sympathy for this small,

and struggling Church. As the great majority of this people are poor, the prospects of support for the near future are very cheerless. The bay seems exhausted, and many people are compelled to move away to find a support elsewhere. Six new families have thus been lost to the Church during the year. Amid discouragements these dear brethren, under their faithful and modest Pastor, have nobly continued the work the Lord has given them to do. Their contributions for Benevolence and Congregational purposes have scarcely been diminished at all. From a community of forty-two families there have been five additions on confession, and two by certificate to the Church. The Sabbath-school has increased as well as the church membership. A very encouraging feature in this Church is the care taken of the secular as well as of the religious education of the people. As we think of this beloved Church we say involuntarily, God bless Sayville.

Locust Valley brings us a report that in some respects we could wish were different. The contributions for Congregational purposes and Benevolence are less than last year; and besides there is the sad news borne to us of a debt. Beyond all this is the intimation that the Church is to be without a pastor, Brother Craig having been called elsewhere, and the Church having accepted his resignation. But there is a record of faithful work, steady attendance on the means of grace, a deeper interest in the Sabbath-school, and a growth in grace of the people of God. While a debt has been made, the church has been repaired, and more than two hundred dollars contributed towards payment for the work done. While the contributions for Benevolence are less than reported last year, yet we are told that the regular collections for the various Boards have exceeded those of last year. Thus in the report of Locust Valley there is much for encouragement and thankfulness.

From College Point we fail to notice anything discouraging, unless a slight diminution in contributions for Congregational purposes. But when we see an increase of about thirteen hundred per cent. in the Benevolent contributions for one year, we think there is progress. The report of this Church may be given in a word, *progress;* but there is ample room for it in the large field surrounding this Church. We can well believe that the closing of their report "brothers, pray for us," is a request that comes from hearts burdened with a sense of the responsibility.

Laurel Hill.—While not much is said in the report of *Laurel Hill*, that little is good. Under the care of Mr. Himbree service has been continued which, with prayer-meetings and lectures, has been well attended. There "has been a greater unity of spirit than ever before in the congregation;" and now a number of the unconverted are under deep religious impressions which it is to be hoped will result in their conversion and uniting with the Church. The people are making an effort to raise means sufficient to settle Mr. Himbree as their Pastor when he graduates in May. The fact that they have, during the year, contributed fifty-eight dollars for Benevolence and nearly three hundred for Congregational uses, tells us that there is not only a purpose but a power to live in this Church.

From Bushwick comes a report in many respects peculiarly encouraging, excepting that the single item of Benevolent contribution is less this year than last; and then not encouragingly large. The whole report is one of great church progress. We hesitate to attempt to condense, it is so full of good news. Perfect harmony reigns. The finances are prosperous. The Sabbath audiences in the morning nearly fill the House of God, and in the evening crowded to overflowing. All the pews are taken and more needed. The Sabbath-school is rapidly growing, and a new building has been completed and occupied by it during the year. The prayer-meetings are attended by from one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty. Thirteen have been admitted by certificate, and fifty-three by confession, this, too, after an addition of seventeen by certificate, and eighty by confession last year. Well may our brethren of Bushwick rejoice and bless God as they tell us, "He has been wonderfully present with them; and that they have never before been so prospered." While we rejoice with our brethren, we pray that the leaven among them may spread through the whole Classis.

The German Evangelical Church of Jamaica, hopeful amid discouragements, tells of growth in membership and contributions. Its Benevolent contributions, while not large, are almost double those of last year. A debt burdens them. This they have reduced during the past year; yet, as they aptly say, it is yet ten times too much.

As the following reports did not come to hand until the meeting of Classis, we are unable to do more than note a few facts that strike at a casual review:

Newtown seems prospering and thankful for blessings received. There is special interest in the Sabbath-school.

South Bushwick reports all things well and harmonious, with financial prosperity, increasing attendance, and spiritual life that promises well for the future of the Church. There too is an intimation of increased interest in the Sabbath-school with prospects of better accommodation for the school.

The report of *East Williamsburg* having gone astray in the mail, that Church is not at fault for neglect. This Church has kept on as in former years, with little new to note, except an increased attendance in the Sabbath-school.

Queens would disappoint if the report were not good. We are not disappointed. Many evidences are given of progress. Repairs, clearing off debts, giving more liberally and willingly to the causes presented, speak for future successes. Here, too, the Sabbath-school is unusually prosperous and is reaching a class of laboring men hitherto neglected. The outlook for Queens is cheering.

The *Second Church of Astoria* comes with encouraging words and success. Financially they have been prospered, their Sabbath-school is prosperous, the Church gaining strength ; and, best of all, twenty-six have been added on confession of faith.

The *First Reformed Church of L. I. City* is pressing on amid great discouragements, with the hope of greater prosperity in the future, not distant. Even now they believe that the worst is past. They, too, are engaged in repairing a better room for their Sabbath-school.

During the year the Rev. W. E. Davis has been dismissed to the Classis of Raritan, Rev. E. S. Fairchild to the Classis of New York, Rev. H. P. Craig to that of Albany, and Rev. Minor Swick to the Presbytery of Geneva, N. Y.

The Rev. P. S. Williamson, for a long time a member of this Classis, and of late years a teacher in San Francisco, Cal., has been removed by death. Thus has a good and true man, loved and honored for his true Christian manhood, been promoted to the reward and the rest that follow faithful work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

In a general survey of the whole field of Christian activity within the bounds of our Classis, we are permitted to feel anew the force and faithfulness of the Divine promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

The spiritual harvest, during the last ecclesiastical year, may not have been as rich and extended as our love and zeal could wish, and yet it has undoubtedly equalled, if not exceeded, the measure of our faith. Had we opened our mouths wide we have no reason to doubt that God would have filled them. For we believe the promise still in force, "According to your faith be it unto you."

We have had to encounter the various obstacles which have opposed the Church in all ages; yet, with Divine help, we trust much progress has been made toward final and complete triumph.

Whether, therefore, we look at the whole field of operation, or at the work of the individual Church, we are constrained to feel that what our Churches have experienced of the Divine blessing in the past, is enough to confirm the highest expectations of our faith in the success of the future.

While there has been, *on the whole*, less accessions to the Church, there have yet been, in two or three particular instances, large gains over the past year. The Churches of Flatlands and New Brooklyn have been thus especially blessed. They have enjoyed a precious work of grace among them, whose fruit is seen in the spiritual quickening of their people, and a large addition to their membership.

In the matter of church attendance the reports are very gratifying, showing an increase in nearly all our Churches, and a willingness not only, but an apparent *eagerness* to hear and profit by the truth of the Gospel.

Much difficulty has evidently been experienced in making out, for the first time, a full and complete list of baptized members of our Churches, not in communion.

Much time and trouble are necessary before this can be done, but when once accomplished, any future requirement can be easily met.

The Sabbath-schools, for the most part, are reported in prosperous condition.

In some localities there is a large and steady increase of membership; while every school furnishes many hopeful indications of future success.

We regret to say that in our Religious and Benevolent contributions, our Classis has fallen considerably below its usual liberality. Comparing this item with the report of 1879, we find a deficiency of about $3,500. We are slow to attribute this falling off in our Benevolent contributions to any lack of interest on the part of our Churches in this most important and necessary part of Christian worship, but would rather find its cause in those circumstances which have lessened the ability and not the disposition of our people, to contribute to the various worthy objects which are commended to our Christian interest and liberal support.

But while our contributions, in the aggregate, have been less this year than last, by the amount named, it is but just to say that several of our Churches have, this year, materially increased their Benevolent contributions.

But we will proceed to quote more particularly from the consistorial reports as they have come into us.

Church of Brooklyn reports: "The past year has been one of steady and silent growth, numerical and spiritual. The number of dismissions is small when compared with the report of last year. The deaths have been few. Attendance upon public worship has generally been very good. The work in the Centennial Chapel has been prosecuted with encouraging success."

Flatbush reports that the review of the past year is by no means discouraging, but rather shows a healthy growth in religious life among the people. "The increase of membership has been regular. There has been no abatement of interest in the services of the sanctuary. The attendance at the prayer-meetings has been such as to encourage those who love the Church of Christ. In other departments of Christian work we find no less cause for thankfulness.

"The benevolence of the Church is worthy of commendation. The Mission work, still under the care of Rev. C. S. Wright, is gradually recovering from the effect of a temporary depression, owing to the removal of the edifice, and great changes in the locality from which its membership is chiefly drawn."

New Utrecht reports: "While there has been no special work of grace the Lord has not left us without witness to His presence. Although without a pastor the church work has been carried on with an earnestness prompted by the love of Christ.

"There is a spirit of unanimity among the congregation. The Sabbath services have been regularly held; the prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools well attended."

They mourn the loss of a beloved Pastor and a Ruling Elder, who was prominent in all church work, and dear to the whole people.

Gravesend reports: "Since the beginning of the year, the attendance at our Sabbath service has been larger than for several years.

"When we consider the Sunday traffic and pleasure seeking at Coney Island, and the fearful temptations to intemperance and Sabbath desecration to which our people, young and old, are thereby exposed, we wonder how we are able at all to hold our own against such a tremendous influence for evil. But the Master, whose work it is, has given us success in the past, and we are willing to trust Him for more abundant blessings in the days to come. The number of deaths has been unusually large, and those whom the Church could ill spare. But notwithstanding all our discouragements, our Church is united, prayerful and hopeful."

Flatlands reports: "The religious interest of the early part of the year brought a goodly number of young people, both male and female, into the Church, and our membership has now, with God's blessing, attained the highest point in numbers ever reached in this Church. Formerly there were few young people, and no children at the communion table. Now there are many of the youth, and no less than three prayer-meetings are carried on by the young people exclusively.

"A small floating debt has been removed, and the regular work of the society goes steadily and successfully onward."

New Lots reports: "During the ecclesiastical year past our Church has been in the enjoyment of spiritual health. God has been good to us and prospered us. We have reason to be thankful that but two have been taken from our membership by death. Our Sabbath and week day services have been well attended.

"God has encouraged our labors by giving us fruit. We have had a steady growth during the past year, and with a church free from debt, with peace within our borders, and with a people who hold up the hands of their minister in every good work; small, indeed, would be our faith were we not hopeful for the future."

East New York reports: "The past year has not been one of any particular manifestation of God's presence. The Word has been preached by our Pastor with earnestness and sincerity, and has been listened to with much attention. A weekly prayer-meeting has been held during the year. The Sabbath-school is in a prosperous condition."

They are deeply grateful for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, in keeping them in the bonds of peace and harmony, and giving them both temporal and spiritual prosperity.

South Brooklyn reports: "There has been no material change during the past year, except a slight increase in the membership and a marked increase in Benevolent contributions. There is at present a healthy interest which promises growth.

"Our Sabbath-school has increased twenty in number during the first quarter of this year, from Jan. to April."

Middle Brooklyn reports: "During the last half of the year the attendance at all the religious services has been increased. For many years there has not been such marked interest in religious things.

"Our young people's meeting on Monday evening has, through all the year, been better sustained than ever before. There have been several additions to the Church at every communion."

Twelfth Street, Brooklyn reports: "It gives us pleasure to report an encouraging condition of things in the Church.

"Our progress in all departments has been steady and constant. We believe the Church was never in better condition than at present. We have diminished our permanent debt by the payment of $3,000 on the mortgage, and a sinking fund has been created, which has now $400, for the same purpose. The attendance is such as to fill the house morning and evening. Our prayer-meetings are largely attended, and Sunday-school is growing each Sunday.

"We have reason to thank God and take courage."

North Brooklyn reports: "The life of the Church during the past year has been characterized by no striking events, but has been silent rather and deepening in the life of Christ its Lord. For this Church, with its previous history, there could be no more precious blessing.

"Steadfast advance toward the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, and thorough oneness of mind in the Lord, is the benediction which we have craved and sought, and received; and for it we are devoutly thankful. The large proportion of those who have made confession of their faith in Christ are, as might have been expected, the children of the Church; and the steadfast ripening of such to a holy and beautiful manhood and womanhood, God has been pleased to make at once a characteristic and blessing of our church life."

Church on the Heights, Brooklyn.—From this Church we have received only the statistical table, which has been duly recorded.

New Brooklyn reports that they are in a very hopeful condition. After only three weeks vacancy the present Pastor began his labors among them under most promising circumstances. The church filled up; the young people came in large numbers, and the finances increased. The Sabbath-school nearly doubled, and the Parochial school also increased.

"We work and pray, 'Lord, Thy kingdom come.'"

Bedford, Brooklyn.—This Church, being without a Pastor, has sent us only its statistical report. This shows a membership of 100, twenty-eight names having been dropped from the roll, according to instructions of General Synod. (See Minutes, vol. xi., p. 80.)

Second Flatbush reports: "In the past year our Heavenly Father has fulfilled His promise that 'His word should not return unto Him void.' We cannot report any special revival, but there has been evident growth in the knowledge of the Word of God. The catechumens have been instructed twice a week by the Pastor, and several of them have been received into full communion. The Ladies' Society is noticed as a faithful and efficient help. The Sunday-school is well attended. Peace and harmony prevail among us, and we have every reason to be encouraged and thankful."

Canarsie reports: "We are thankful and gratified that the Word of God has not been preached to us in vain. Some souls have been hopefully converted and added to the Church.

" Our humble prayer to God is, that when He has sufficiently tried our faith and patience, He will visit our German congregation with such an abundant blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Such are the facts in regard to the state of religion, as they come to us, from the various Churches. There seems to be but one spirit pervading all these reports, viz: A humble trust in God, and hopeful, prayerful expectation.

May the promise of Christ, so full of comfort to His disciples, be to us, for all the future, the source of inspiration and of hope, " Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We would here express our deep regret that the hand of an afflictive Providence still rests so heavily upon our dear brother, Rev. D. S. Sutphen. We give to him our heartiest Christian sympathy, and unitedly pray that, if it be God's will, this cup might speedily pass from him.

We have also learned within the past few days, with deepest sorrow, of the death, at Warren, Mass, of our esteemed and faithful brother, Rev. N. P. Pierce, D.D. We believe he was the oldest member of our Classis, and was ever known among us as a " brother beloved." And while we deeply mourn because we shall see his face among us no more, we would yet rejoice, that freed from those bodily infirmities, which were such a source of suffering to him here, he has already entered upon the reward of his long, earnest and faithful ministerial service.

Ministerial Changes.—The Pastoral relation between Rev. D. S. Sutphen and the Church of New Utrecht; Rev. Peter E. Kipp and the Bedford Church, Brooklyn; Rev. C. F. C. Suckow and the Church of New Brooklyn, has been dissolved. Rev. C. F. C. Suckow has been dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. A. E. Meyers to the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Alexander Shaw to the Presbytery of N. Y.; Rev. A. N. Wyckoff the Presbytery of New Orleans.

The student, L. Walter Lott, was licensed to preach the Gospel, and dismissed to Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. Jacob Weber was received from the Classis of Cayuga, and installed over the Church of New Brooklyn.

Rev. Adrian Westveer was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and placed in charge of the Centennial Chapel.

The only death occurring during the year is that of Rev. N. P. Pierce, above noted; who, at the time of his death, was without pastoral charge.

A. P. STOCKWELL, *Chairman of Committee.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Your Committee respectfully report that returns have been received from all but one of the Churches composing this Classsis—the isolated Church of Mattoax.

We are not necessitated this year to sit at the feet of Jeremiah, and listen to a reading out of his "Book of Lamentations." Throughout the Classis, we have the record of faithful work, faithfully rewarded by a faith-keeping Master. The Consistorial and Statistical reports show a gratifying advance all along the line. The new table of baptized members is not well filled, but a commencement has been made. With the single exception of baptisms, the complete returns would show that we are stronger now than we were a year ago in the totals of every column. We count more families; more received into our Churches on confession and by certificate; fewer dismissions; fewer losses by death; a larger number in Communion; more Sabbath-schools with a larger number of scholars, now than then. We have raised more money this year than last for Benevolence by over three thousand dollars. The amount collected for Congregational purposes (as far as reported) exceeds that of last year by between six and seven thousand dollars; and a number of our burdened Churches have been eased, and can see daylight.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." And is not this what he saith, viz: that which was voiced unto Moses on the shores of the Red Sea: "*Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward?*"

Under the happy spur of this exhibit, let us work as though we could do *everything*, while we pray as though we could do *nothing*.

Your attention is directed to the following extracts from the several reports:

The Collegiate Church announces "with gratitude to God, a decided improvement in their affairs during the past year. The Rev. E. B Coe has been added to the number of their min-

isters, and has been laboring with great acceptance. The Mission Chapels are all well supplied; and one of them, the DeWitt Mission, has been so prospered as to contemplate seriously the prospect of an independent organization. The only drawback has been the illness and consequent absence of the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, which cost the Church the loss of his valuable services for the first three months of the year. But he has returned to his work, and his complete recovery is anticipated."

Harlem reports "a very small harvest of souls gathered from the world. For this they would humble themselves before the Lord, and implore his reviving presence. There has been the ordinary attendance and efficiency in the various departments of Christian work and worship. For this they would 'thank God and take courage.'"

The South Church says: "The past year has been one of great peace, unity and brotherly love. There has been no interruption of the public services of the Sabbath, the weekly lecture, and the Sabbath-school. The attendance on the Sabbath has been good in the morning, as the congregation does not agree with David, that *a day* in the Lord's house is better than a thousand. They think that a half day is better than a whole one." Two Sabbath-schools have been conducted regularly in the Church S. S. room (one for colored people), and the Mission-school has been regularly gathered in the Mission Chapel. Two industrial schools for girls have held weekly sessions. Twenty-four Sabbath day collections have been taken and distributed among the accustomed objects. A female missionary and Bible reader is still continued in the field. The Rev. John A. Billingsley is engaged to take charge of the South Church "Manor Chapel," in W. 26th street, for another year. The work here is very encouraging. No sacramental season has passed without adding some new members to the Communion.

Staten Island speaks of "more numerous accessions than usual to the Church the past year; many coming from the Sabbath-school, with more to follow. The public ordinances have been well attended. The weekly lecture, with two prayer meetings, held at different points, are fairly sustained. The two Sabbath-schools are very prosperous."

Bloomingdale reports "the continuous and uninterrupted use of the means of grace in the preaching of the Gospel and

administration of the ordinances, together with the regular operations of the Sabbath-school."

The recent completion of the Elevated R. R. and consequent revival of operations in real estate, are infusing new vigor into improvements in this section. This Church is straining every nerve to retain its hold upon its property in the interest of its to-morrow of life.

Madison Avenue gladly announces a steady increase in their congregation, which is becoming more consolidated. The Sabbath-school is large and flourishing. It includes many outside of the congregation. The prayer-meetings are well attended, with growing interest. The neighborhood is rapidly filling up, and there is a constant demand for pews. Fifty-three new members have been added to the Communion during the year. The Church feels that it is now in a more promising condition than for many years.

Thirty-fourth Street says: "The past has been a year of quiet growth. The spirit of brotherhood exists in a marked degree. The meetings are spiritual and are well attended. The Sabbath-school is surpassed by none in efficiency. Accessions from it to the Church are continuous. The financial condition is encouraging. With the advent of better times, this people look forward to an increased ease of existence. They have raised the past year, a larger amount of money than for a long time before. In the winter, an Auxiliary to the Woman Board was organized, and is now in active and successful operation. The number of young people, married and single, connected with this Church, is a distinctive feature of its life. And hand-shaking is regarded as a means of grace."

The German Evangelical Mission reports "no marked change since last year. The seed has been planted, and its development prayed for; and some of it has sprung up and ripened into fruit. In Benevolence, this Church has done what it could, as much in comparison as any. Peace has rested on the brotherhood. For these blessings they are grateful, and trust in the Giver for the future."

Richmond, "though weak, has been permitted the past year to continue the regular services of the Church. Few in numbers, this Church is united in heart and spirit."

The Church of the Huguenots likewise testifies to faith and hope in weakness. The Gospel is preached and the ordinances are regularly administered.

St. Paul's, Mott Haven, has had a year of steady work, with no special revival interest, but with good attendance at the Church services, both Sabbath and weekly. The Sabbath-school is specially prosperous." At every Communion during the year there have been accessions. Financially, this Church is increasingly prosperous. More has been contributed for benevolent objects this year than ever before.

The Union Church, High Bridge, reports the regular maintenance of the means of grace. The prayer-meeting is well sustained. The Sabbath-school has a good attendance. An auxiliary to the Woman's Board is in successful operation.

The Fourth German Church "feels constrained to render thanks to God for many favors. The attendance on the Sabbath and in the week is steady. The seed sown is bearing fruit. The spirit of prayer is manifested. At the last sacramental season the attendance was larger than ever before. Minister and people are in full harmony. The Sabbath-school grows rapidly, especially in the German department."

The Prospect Hill Church reports "a quiet year and a small advance. The attendance at the services has been better than during the previous year. Through the Sabbath-school, which is well served and which grows steadily, much missionary work is done."

The Holland Church "has nothing special to mention. The Gospel has not been preached in vain. Nine have been brought to the confession of Christ, among whom were two infidels."

Brookfield "has been supplied the past year by an ordained deacon of the Methodist Church. The Church applied to the Domestic Board for a minister, but could not obtain one for the salary they were able to offer. They were advised by the secretary to take any acceptable preacher from any orthodox denomination. They will try to sustain their little Church as best they can, 'looking unto Jesus.'"

The German Evangelical Church, Avenue B, says: "We have seen a substantial increase in our congregation since our last report. The Word is listened to with marked attention. There are visible tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Sabbath-school is prosperous." Financially, the Church is not incumbered."

The Church of Brighton Heights heaves a sigh of relief and utters a prayer of thanksgiving over the settlement of a Pastor,

and the payment of their heavy debt. They now stand free. The attendance on the stated services is constantly increasing. The Sabbath-school is in a good condition. The spiritual outlook is hopeful.

The Union Church, Sixth Avenue, afflicted in the loss of the Rev. Wm. B. Merritt, has been during the past seven months without a pastor. The Church has just extended a unanimous call to the Rev. E. S. Fairchild. They are entirely out of debt, and are thoroughly united. They trust the Lord has rich blessings in store for them.

The Norfolk Street Church says "The congregation is in a good condition. The Word is earnestly listened to. The young are instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism."

The following changes have occurred during the year, viz:

The Rev. E. B. Coe has been received, and ordained, and installed as one of the Collegiate pastors. The Rev. Wm. Walter Clarke has been received and installed as pastor of the Church of Brighton Heights. The Rev. F. N. Zabuskie, D.D., has been received as a member of Classis.

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. W. T. Enyard and the Church of Brighton Heights, S. I., has been dissolved on account of the continued ill health of the pastor.

Since the last spring meeting, the Rev. Wm. B. Merritt has been called to his reward; and now, just on the eve of this meeting, we are melted into tears over the departure of our venerated brother and father in Israel, the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton. This is not the place to pronounce his eulogy, but your Committee cannot refrain from the expression of their feeling of loneliness in his absence. He was appointed to act with us in the preparation of this report. We look about for him, and like the Elders of Miletus, when they bade farewell to Paul, we sorrow most of all "that we shall see his face no more." We are thankful that we knew him and held him so long. Shall we ever forget his stately presence, his sonorous voice, his kindly smile, his loving heart? His was—

> "A combination and a form, indeed,
> Where every god did seem to set his seal,
> To give the world assurance of a man."

As we think of him and mourn for him, we breathe through proud tears the benediction of the poet:

"Sleep in peace with kindred ashes
Of the noble and the true,
Hands that never failed their country;
Hearts that baseness never knew."

CARLOS MARTYN,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

The Classis holds the ground already gained, but has made no advance upon former years. One hundred and forty (140) have been received upon confession of faith—about the same number as last year. The total number of members is 3,423, showing a slight decrease. The benevolent contributions have amounted to $3,399.24, showing a falling off of $130.58, although the year has been one of financial revival. Of the twenty-one Churches reporting, only five show contributions for benevolent purposes exceeding one dollar for each member. Harmony prevails in the Churches. The public worship of God is well attended. Many Churches seem to be in the attitude of prayer, and great care is evidently paid to the education of the youth in the Sunday-schools. We give a view of the Churches taken through their annual reports.

Berea laments the death of her former beloved Pastor, Rev. L. L. Comfort, but rejoices that she has, "under the unmistakeable direction of the Holy Spirit," called another, and that the work of the Lord goes on.

Bloomingburgh is thankful to God for past mercies, and hopes to enjoy more of His goodness. The prayer-meetings indicate a hopeful condition of spiritual life. There are some almost persuaded to be Christians. Her benevolent contributions have been hopefully increased.

Callicoon speaks of large attendance upon the preaching of the Word, of abounding peace, and a healthy spiritual condition, as seen in the daily life of her members. Besides faithful Sunday-school work, she instructs her children twice a week in the Heidelberg catechism.

Claraville feels "her weakness," and is looking to the Strong for strength. Harmony prevails, and her services are well attended.

Cuddebackville has great hope in her Sunday-school, in which there is much interest and faithfulness. Her prayer-

meetings are well attended. She desires a more self-sacrificing spirit, that she may resemble more closely her Divine Master.

Deerpark reports a favorable condition in all the departments of church work. The attendance upon the service of the Sanctuary has largely increased. Many whose faith in the Bible had been shaken, through infidel associates, now recognize the claims of God in public worship. The young men especially have taken a decided stand in reference to scriptural truth.

Ellenville holds steadily on her way. The prospect of better times, financially and spiritually, cheers her. The preached Word has been received with possibly more than usual interest. The prayer-meetings have been well sustained, and the source of spiritual strength. Her Sunday-school is proving the nursery of the Church.

Fallsburgh is cheered by the increase in the number of her families and by the uniformly good attendance upon her public services. She, with the Church of Walkill Valley, are the only ones of all our Churches who report the number of baptized members, as directed by the last General Synod.

Grahamville reports a gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit, causing a large accession to her communion and congregation, and filling her heart with gratitude and hope.

Mamakating acknowledges with gratitude God's blessing. Humbly confesses that her spiritual life is very low, and earnestly prays for "the power of God's grace."

Montgomery says she has spent a peaceful year; has grown a little in means, and more she trusts in grace; has exercised a wholesome influence upon the community, and has fully maintained her benevolent work. She enters the future hopefully.

Newburgh reports a large attendance upon the services, and a pleasant spiritual interest.

New Hurley has been favored with a larger addition upon confession than she has had for a number of years. The public worship and the prayer-meeting services have been well attended, and "there is unabated interest in the young and in Sabbath-school instruction."

New Prospect gratefully acknowledges the restoration to health of her beloved pastor, "that the Redeemer has touched his eyes so that now he can freely use them." One over eighty years of age and another past seventy years, have united with her upon confession of their faith. Such instances of the

riches and freeness of God's grace are humbly and thankfully acknowledged.

Shawangunk reports a very encouraging state of religious feeling among the people. Some have been added to the Church at each communion season. She maintains three Sunday-schools, a district Bible class, and two prayer-meetings. She has made necessary repairs to her house of worship, adding greatly to its appearance and comfort.

Walden says her temporal and spiritual aspect is hopeful. She has increased her congregational expenses by repairing her church, but rejoices that she is free from debt. Her benevolent work has been kept up. Besides the church prayer-meeting, the ladies of the Sunday-school and the young people of the Church, each hold weekly prayer-meetings with a good degree of interest.

Walkill Valley speaks of a hopeful temperance revival in the place. She has welcomed ten members more than she was privileged to do last year. Her financial condition has improved, her floating debt has been lifted, but a large mortgage still bears heavily upon her. She struggles along hopefully, praying to God for still greater temporal and spiritual blessings.

Wawarsing reports a healthier and hopeful condition.

Minnisink and Upper and Lower Walpeck, send statistics.

Fremont, Hortonville, Jeffersonville, Kerhonkson, and North Branch make no report.

With sorrow we record the death of Rev. L. L. Comfort and Rev. P. B. Crolius.

The Classis has received the Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D., from the Classis of Paramus. Rev. Geo. Wendemuth from the Classis of Bergen, and Rev. Henry L. Rex from the United Presbyterian Church.

The Classis has ordained to the Gospel ministry, and installed as Pastors, Rev. P. H. Milliken, and Rev. Thomas Fitz Gerald. Rev. H. M. Voorhees has been dismissed to the Classis of Newark. Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

The review of our church life, as reported, presents many reasons for gratitude to our Master, much cause for our humility and confession, some points which demand personal

heart searching and perhaps official inquiry, large room for prayer, and withal the need of faith and hope.

The fact that every Church reports the maintenance of usual services, and several speak of increased attendance and interest, might seldom be considered of sufficient note to call for special comment. But that which should be taken for granted under ordinary circumstances, assumes special significance when it characterizes reports which include a season of such extraordinary unfavorable weather as has marked the whole winter, which in the country at least, threatened the very existence of many services, and has imposed great sacrifices upon pastors and people merely to sustain them.

That worship has been maintained, and that its works have not suffered, are causes for the giving of thanks, much more any increase of attendance or interest that has been realized.

Whether this cause is sufficient to account for the sudden and decided decrease which every Church except two, reports in in benevolent contributions, may be questioned, especially in view of our enjoyment of easier if not much more prosperous times. Contributions of Churches outside of Poughkeepsie have fallen off more than $1,600.

Three of these Churches indeed report considerable increase of monies raised for congregational purposes, which in two instances at least, is due to large individual donations or fairs.

But this extenuating circumstance is conditioned, if not nullified by a proportionate decrease in the receipts of the others.

The two Churches of Poughkeepsie, together report the handsome addition of $2,300 to their Benevolence of last year, $1,900 of which came from the First Church.

The items of the Second Church show its contributions includes the increase of $350 to have been made by the living, and in moderate sums, and to have been apportioned to a very large range of benevolent work.

But notwithstanding that these two Churches have increased the benevolent contributions by over one-third of the whole amount reported last year, yet owing to the diminished returns of the other Churches, the totals rise but one-seventh above those of last year's report.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberality, as well as of liberty. Only three Churches have complied with Synod's requirements and reported the number of "Baptized members not in full communion."

This is to be regretted, and should engage the attention of the Classis and the Churches, because, practically, the weak point of our church polity is in our failure to be consistent in the theory and the practice of infant baptism, and the well-nigh universal neglect of the Church at large, alarms the mere observer for the hold of this doctrine upon the Church.

Our own Classis need not look beyond its own records to find proof of the decline of the practice. One baptism to twenty-seven families is disproportionate enough, and yet even these figures would be wider apart if all baptisms, except those of the children belonging to families actually counted in our census, were excluded from the column.

Well may we heed the call of our Synod to remember the exceeding importance of the baptismal covenant with its solemn responsibilities and holy privileges for both parents and children, and if the numbers called for, secures merely the making out of a list of the children of the Church who are not in their place of privilege and duty, it may result in greater fidelity toward them, and show the advantage of the covenant to those who wholly neglects it.

The report of but one suspension is happily overbalanced by the joyful news of two restorations. We cannot but feel that the reports of the Churches would have much added to their interest and profit if the *details* of life and work entered into them the more. In concluding our report, we cannot but lament the negative character of the reports from all the Churches. Fewer families, additions, and Sunday-school scholars, and more dismissions are reported than last year. While in all but two Churches benevolent contributions have declined, and in more than half congregational receipts have decreased. The almost invariable lack of anything special to report, shows that we are but holding our own, and should arouse us to much prayer and many labors to regain our aggressive attitude, and *maintain* our position in the *advance* with the almost unbroken unity we enjoy, with our position to work, and by the blessing of the Lord the report of next year will mark a new prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

GRAHAM TAYLOR.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

No copy of report received.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.

[Owing to the much regretted accidental loss of the regula reports of Classis of Arcot, the statistics furnished by the Board of Foreign Missions are this year printed in their place.]

Churches.	Out-Stations.	Communicants in 1878.	Communicants in 1879.	Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechumens.	Suspended.	Scholars in Schools.	Total in Congregations in 1878.	Total in Congregations in 1879.	Contributions.		
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Aliandal	..	16	16	2	24	100	62	1	29	192	205	13	6	..
Arnee	4	21	23	27	44	26	21	1	60	230	142	21	10	10
Arcot	13	60	105	174	155	184	163	5	169	780	783	275	14	5
Chittoor	6	80	172	55	132	176	167	..	138	683	702	....	..	..
Coonoor	..	80	56	41	88	4	....	7	121	192	193	139	4	..
Gnaodiam	..	49	58	6	76	118	98	..	61	342	356	34	15	..
Kolopakam	..	28	23	....	17	25	11	..	16	143	76	5	10	6
Kandiputtur	4	105	101	5	67	51	71	..	65	297	295	27	15	6
Kattupadi	8	218	221	....	189	72	53	..	127	510	535	32	6	..
Kottapalli	..	31	10	....	9	33	45	..	22	260	97	....	..	..
Marutuvambadi	..	21	18	6	26	5	4	1	....	68	60	....	..	..
Madanapalle	8	14	25	10	47	106	51	..	62	166	239	..	..	..
Narasingamur	..	31	29	12	33	92	107	..	41	207	273	14	8	..
Oratoor	..	72	66	15	93	128	114	3	48	471	419	35	9	..
Palamanair	..	16	12	8	17	5	3	..	....	58	45	....	..	..
Sattambadi	..	42	50	4	55	106	86	1	55	334	302	40	1	6
Sekadu	3	97	98	5	72	65	72	..	62	309	313	20	13	4
Tindevanum	28	20	28	11	33	3	....	1	155	63	76	21	6	7
Vellambi	..	17	22	24	27	10	6	1	21	79	90	3	..	..
Vellore	3	76	123	34	115	44	33	..	304	289	349	398	9	9
Varikkal	..	36	30	8	53	54	33	..	20	316	178	17	6	..
Total	77	1180	1286	447	1372	1407	1200	21	1576	5989	5728	1105	3	5

A Rupee is equal to 50 cents.

The *Arcot Seminary* for boys, at Vellore, has 36 pupils.
The *Girls' Seminary*, at Chittoor, has 29 pupils.
The *Preparandi School*, at Arcot, has 21 pupils.

The Missionaries and native Pastors in charge are as follows: Jared W. Scudder, M.D., Vellore; John H. Wyckoff, (s.c.), Tindevanum; Zachariah John, Arnee; Moses Nathaniel, Arcot; Abraham William, Kattupadi; Andrew Sawyer, Chittoor; Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., Madanapalle; John Scudder, M.D., in America.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson	William Smith	225	7	5	6	...	4	476	3	2	.....	.....	...	275	$1,811 39	$4,300	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	92	7	....	2	...	3	226	3	3	130	.....	4	200	90 97	1,696 85	Claverack, Columbia Co., "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	2	....	5	...	1	184	2	....	40	. .	2	200	276 07	2,184 53	Mellenville, " "
Linlithgo	Thomas S. Dusinberre	95	....	1	2	...	5	126	5	....	.....	.....	...	80	278 88	850	Livingston, " "
Greenport	John S. Himrod	90	5	....	2	...	1	253	8	...	.. .	.....	2	190	252	1,300	Hudson, " "
Germantown	James Wyckoff	108	....	1	...	...	1	196	10	....	.....	.....	1	.....	91 42	1,339 39	Germantown, " "
Upper Red Hook	Ezekiel C. Scudder	84	15	1	1	...	2	170	2	3	50	....	1	125	396	2,588 23	Upper Red Hook, " "
Taghkanic	James C. Garretson	79	1	2	...	...	4	110	3	1	83	.....	1	59	50 77	1,461 56	West Copake, " "
Gallatin	DeWitt B. Wyckoff	77	17	1	1	...	3	157	4	7	41	10	1	85	188 34	886 65	Mt. Ross, " "
Livingston Church (At Linlithgo.)	Cornelius Blauvelt*	50	8	2	...	...	...	50	5	4	.....	25	1	35	.....	....	Lithlingo, Col. Co., "
	Total	1100	62	13	19	...	24	1948	45	20	344	35	13	1249	$2,915 84	$16,557 21	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Bevier, Emeritus, Hyde Park, N. Y. Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, (s. c.) Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Perry is a teacher, Principal of Hudson Academy.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bloomingdale	M. F. Liebenau, S.S.	75	8	2	...	...	...	144	10	2	.	.	1	132	$76 96	$544	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N.Y.
The Clove	William H. Vroom	150	13	2	10	1	5	284	12	4	226	75	3	320	247 74	1,498 50	High Falls, " "
Dashville Falls	William N. Todd	100	1	1	1	...	2	159	4	1	.....	.....	1	100	35 21	555 17	Rifton Glen, " "
St. Remy	" "	28	2	6	1	...	3	82	....		.....	.....	1	68	17 53	389 44	Rifton Glen, " "
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	100	4	3	1	...	1	97	5	...	205	87	4	175	67 85	1,137 19	Gardiner, " "
Hurley	L. J. Lockwood	60	18	6	...	...	...	112	8	3	96	50	1	77	88 60	1,423 84	Hurley, " "
Kingston, Second	Jas. Demarest, Jr	150	6	2	2	...	4	346	5	3	150	..	1	188	502 43	4,746 38	Kingston. " "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo	53	24	....	2	...	5	90	15	9	60	40	1	100	21	400	Samsonville, " "
Lyonsville	" "	60	9	....	...	...	...	153	7	4	50	30	1	30	... .	225	" " "
Marbletown	V. M. Hulbert	106	5	4	5	...	5	245	3	2	.....	50	1	80	80 10	... .	Stone Ridge, " "
Marbletown, North Ch.	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.	60	1	2	.	....	1	115	...	1	.....	50	1	85	49 10	352 84	" " "
New Paltz	Philip Peltz (s.c.)	256	11	7	4	...	6	432	11	4	355	243	8	338	755 10	1,881 66	New Paltz, " "
Rochester	John B. Church	140	8	....	2	...	2	165	15	1	100	20	5	390	180	1,178 13	Accord, " "
Rosendale	Vacant	92	1	....	1	...	8	118	....	1	.....	.....	1	112	.....	912 88	Rosendale, " "
	Total	1430	111	35	29	1	42	2492	95	35	1942	645	40	2193	$2,071 62	$15,185 03	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, Kingston, N. Y., Supplying Presbyterian Church, New Hamburgh, N. Y. Rev. Isaac S. Schenck, *in transitu* to Classis of Rensselaer.

*Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jamaica	William H. De Hart	141	14	2	2	...	10	287	10	....	125	.....	1	167	$567 64	$4,261 66	Jamaica, N. Y.
Newtown	Charles I. Shepherd	102	3	2	...	...	4	214	14	....	.....	.....	3	300	336 94	3,022 33	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John A. Davis	130	5	10	...	...	3	128	2	3	275	.....	2	200	178 66	1,389 55	East Norwich, "
North Hempstead	Vacant	94	3	1	...	...	3	134	8	....	.....	.....	2	163	266 75	1,398 26	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	Elbert S. Porter	*250	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	Brooklyn, E. D., "
Astoria	M. L. Haines	98	9	11	4	...	2	212	16	3	57	.....	1	228	900 70	4,480 28	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	95	5	....	7	...	2	214	3	2	.....	75	1	200	425	3,500	Flushing, "
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	227	7	8	7	1	5	415	18	1	570	.....	1	667	400 98	10,715 52	143 Noble st., B'klyn. E. D., "
South Bushwick	George D. Hulst	105	4	12	...	...	4	211	12	2	.....	.....	1	500	200	3,700	15 Himrod st., " " "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	26	1	...	1	...	202	30	....	.....	19	1	150	30	1,800	Astoria, "
East Williamsburg	William Ferris	30	....	1	...	...	...	28	1	....	.....	30	1	100	139 81	468 07	220 So. 5th st., Br'klyn, E. D., "
Queens	Andrew Hageman	105	3	4	2	...	2	134	8	...	101	119	1	158	345 82	2,732 27	Queens, "
German Ev., Brooklyn	John M. Wagner	265	22	....	2	...	10	475	50	3	.....	310	2	650	301 35	1,559 77	315 Graham av., B'klyn, E.D. "
Sayville	G. Van Emerick	42	5	2	4	1	...	78	5	....	92	19	...	112	24 33	520 07	Sayville, "
Locust Valley	Vacant	50	1	2	1	...	...	56	...	1	20	60	1	75	69 69	622 84	Glen Cove, "
College Point	Herman C. Berg	40	3	5	...	...	...	103	5	....	65	25	1	160	296 07	2,643 07	College Point, "
Laurel Hill	Vacant	52	....	....	...	...	...	34	2	....	34	.....	1	90	56 72	298 76	Long Island City, "
First Ref. Long Isl'd City	Ernest Gutweiler	40	....	4	...	...	1	39	4	....	...	.....	1	104	7 09	504 50	
Bushwick	Henry A. Powell	232	53	13	9	...	4	311	19	14	.....	.....	1	890	149 46	8,671 21	232 Leonard st., B'klyn, E.D. "
German Ev., Jamaica	Julius Hones	35	2	1	...	...	...	102	12	....	.....	.....	1	30	19 50	850	Jamaica, "
	Total	2223	165	79	38	3	51	3377	219	29	1339	657	23	4944	$4,713 51	$53,208 16	

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. J. B. Alliger, New York City. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.,) New Brunswick, N. J. John Wenisch, Newark, N. J. Emanuel Shultz, 34 Vesey Street. N. Y.

Candidates.—Isaac W. Warner, Union Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Report for 1878.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	D. N. Vanderveer	145	18	18	5	...	6	498	4	4	.....	100	2	550	$5,455 20	$6,608 47	95 Livingston st., Br'kln, N. Y.
Flatbush	Cornelius L. Wells	118	17	5	2	...	4	229	4	....	255	200	1	350	5,478 44	4,500	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Flatbush Mission *	Charles S. Wright.	55	....	....	....	....	1	36	5	....	70	.....	1	75	60	.....	New Utrecht " "
New Utrecht	Vacant	98	12	3	3	...	3	245	10	1	....	100	3	330	567 25	3,285	" " "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	116	2	1	...	...	6	200	8	1	150	100	2	175	463 04	2,451 50	Gravesend, " "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	27	1	2	...	1	209	13	5	176	85	2	285	452 34	2,298	Flatlands " "
New Lots	Nicholas Pearse.	70	8	3	3	...	2	165	7	2	270	....	1	145	561 07	1,964 05	East New York, " "
East New York	Wm. J. Hill	78	4	3	...	...	1	136	3	1	.....	200	1	325	371 78	2,012 69	" " "
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers, (s.c.)	50	4	9	1	...	...	75	9	....	147	100	1	216	314 01	2,050 13	1059 Third av., Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll.	195	16	11	13	...	12	529	19	4	.....	.....	1	321	808 69	8,283 48	365 Union st., " "
Twelfth st., Brooklyn	Uriah D. Gulick	196	16	12	19	...	8	573	33	5	221	165	1	1456	735 60	10,507 46	257 Twelfth st., " "
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson.	70	20	2	4	...	2	160	20	10	52	.....	1	284	368 72	3,589 84	180 Clermont av., " "
C. on the Heights, Br'kln	S. S. Mitchell	125	6	2	23	...	4	373	5	2	.....	50	2	450	6544 63	16,088 95	11 Monroe Place, " "
New Brooklyn	Jacob Weber	100	23	....	1	..	4	250	63	1	500	20	1	280	66	1,383 82	772 Herkimer st., " "
Bedford, Brooklyn	Vacant	50	6	5	10	...	4	100	17	....	117	154	1	165	.....	3,050	
Second Flatbush	Henry A. Freidel	50	3	....	....	....	1	99	15	....	....	7	1	56	28	755 90	Flatbush, Kings Co., "
Canarsie	Conrad Dickhout	23	2	....	....	....	....	78	9	....	71	12	1	50	4	517	East New York, "
	Total	1619	164	75	86	...	59	3950	244	36	2029	1293	23	5463	$22,263 77	$69,336 29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. A. Lansing, 220 Gates av., Brooklyn. Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board Foreign Missions, 34 Vesey st., N. Y. Rev. J. West, Secretary Board Domestic Missions, 34 Vesey st., N. Y. Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I. Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel, 133 n. Elliot Place, Brooklyn. Rev. Adrian Westveer, Centennial Chapel, 217 Wyckoff st.

* Mission of the Reformed Church of Flatbush, and under care of its Consistory.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Collegiate, New York.	Thomas E. Vermilye	.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	....	15 West 56th st., N. Y.
	Talbot W. Chambers	.....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	70 West 36th st., "
	William Ormiston	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	17 West 32d st., "
	E. B. Coe	720	36	36	38	1	19	2006	20	2	.....	...	7	2251	$21,662 62	.....	72 East 53d st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	145	3	10	11	...	7	348	11	1	109	50	1	583	1,329 33	.....	327 East 124th st., "
South, New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	175	12	9	9	...	2	592	12	....	...	....	3	750	5,107 42	$13,000	42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	140	14	1	4	...	5	330	5	1	102	258	2	434	627	4,491	Port Richmond, S. I., "
Bloomingdale	Enoch Van Aken	....	1	...	4	...	2	67	7	....	.....	75	1	75	.....	.....	263 West 54th st., "
Madison Avenue	E. A. Reed	122	11	42	7	...	1	219	8	4	126	390	1	390	1,204 26	10,606 56	28 East 58th st., "
Thirty-fourth Street	Carlos Martyn	250	12	12	12	2	4	*449	16	5	.....	....	1	275	958	5,925	449 West 34th st., "
German Evan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	195	57	1	8	...	5	512	18	1	.....	60	1	500	1,524 66	1,990 63	82 Second st., "
Richmond, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	.....	....	.....	.....	...	1	33	.....	...	.....	.....	1	45	6 12	.....	Stapleton, S. I., "
Huguenots, S. I.	Francis M. Kip	.....	.....	3	1	...	...	45	1	...	.....	.....	1	90	70 05	.....	" " "
St. Paul's, Mott Haven	Hasbrouck Du Bois	112	11	7	3	1	4	264	15	6	375	200	1	480	675	3,250	145th st., cor. 3d Ave. "
Union, High Bridge	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S. S.	35	1	...	...	...	...	50	1	....	63	.....	1	131	96 78	698 61	" " " "
Fourth German	John H. Oerter	68	27	..	1	...	1	265	37	...	346	325	1	450	104	1,554 07	248 West 40th st., "
Prospect Hill	D. McL. Quackenbush	71	3	6	6	...	2	160	10	..	57	221	1	451	3,111 20	602 17	222 East 87th st., "
Holland	A. H. Bechthold	60	9	2	1	...	1	65	7	....	.....	10	...	.....	.....	.....	279 West 11th st., "
Brookfield, Conn	Vacant	44	..	...	4	...	2	58	...	...	.....	.....	1	60	350	50	Brookfield, Conn., "
Avenue B. Ger. Evan	Jacob Schlegel	64	57	3	1	...	4	300	35	....	....	24	1	215	320	1,257 45	602 Fifth st., "
Brighton Heights	William Walton Clark	70	7	3	1	...	1	175	4	3	78	.....	1	290	208 68	20,449 75	Tompkinsville, S. I., "
Union, Sixth Avenue	E. S. Fairchild	.....	3	9	18	..	2	308	5	1	. ...	... .	1	250	1,780 69	4,464 24	
German, Norfolk St. Mattox and Amelia C. H.	G. L. Neef	200	66	4	3	...	8	650	20	1	.....	50	1	500	410	1,780 04	129 Norfolk st., "
	Total	2471	330	148	127	4	71	6891	232	25	1251	1663	28	8220	$39,495 81	$70,121 52	

Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, China. Charles H. H. Wolf, Japan.

Mission Pastors.—J. Henry Berthoff, 160 West 29th st., N. Y. Abraham Thompson, (s.c.) P. O. 514 Ninth av., N. Y. A. J. Park, 585 Broome st., N. Y.

Other Ministers.—John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point, N. Y. C. M. Jameson, Editor, Somerville, N. J. Aaron Lloyd, Belleville, N. J. J. B. Steele, New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Miller, S. S., Peekskill, N. Y. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box, 787, N. Y. W. T. Enyard, New Brunswick, N. J. F. N. Zabriskie, Editor of *Christian Intelligencer*, N. Y.

Candidates.—Oliver H. Walser. In transitu, William Lloyd.

*Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Berea	Peter H. Milliken.	61	8	1	4	...	3	118	5	2	.....	25	1	75	$13,600	$1,338 54	St. Andrews, Orange Co., **N.Y.**
Bloomingburgh	George D. Lydecker	49	....	2	5	...	2	93	4	....	.....	30	1	60	29 63	785	Bloomingburgh, Sul. Co., " "
Callicoon	George Wendemuth, P.E.	75	2	....	...	...	...	...	13	....	.....	12	1	80	97 63	.....	Callicoon, " "
Claraville	Richard P. Milliken, S. S.	25	....	....	...	...	1	43	....	....	.....	....	1	35	4	75	Claraville, " "
Cuddebackville	John DuBois	56	2	1	..	...	2	70	....	....	.....	30	1	82	34 20	422 83	Cuddebackville, Or'e Co., " "
Deerpark	Goyn Talmage	186	4	9	2	18	8	272	10	2	.....	150	2	470	642 85	3,434 45	Port Jervis, " "
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley, (s.c.)	90	2	3	6	...	6	236	3	....	.....	....	1	150	158 88	1,645	Ellenville, Ulster Co.. "
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	86	2	4	...	...	2	121	1	1	42	30	1	135	57 89	655	Woodbourne, Sul. Co., " "
Fremont	Vacant†	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Fremont, " "
Grahamville	Richard P. Milliken	46	34	2	2	...	...	116	1	26	...	20	2	90	57	425	Grahamville, " "
Hortonville	Vacant†	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Callicoon Depot, " "
Jeffersonville	Vacant†	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	Jeffersonville, " "
Kerhonkson	Vacant†	50	....	....	..	...	....	70	....	....	.....	12	2	160	.....	152	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	Augustus F. Todd	50	9	2	...	...	1	106	1	3	.....	....	1	50	.....	.....	Wurtsboro, Sul. Co., "
Minnisink	Thomas Fitzgerald	85	3	2	3	...	2	48	....	2	.....	40	1	75	10	619	Montague, Sussex Co., **N. J.**
Montgomery	Ferdinand S. Schenck	185	4	6	1	1	4	413	8	....	.....	150	1	200	1,288 62	2,814 35	Montgomery, Orange Co. **N.Y.**
Newburgh	J. Halsted Carroll	346	13	33	7	...	5	531	5	2	.....	195	1	225	273 97	4,489 43	Newburgh " "
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	110	14	....	1	..	2	176	5	3	.....	30	.	200	91 49	813 39	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	80	8	4	...	...	3	138	....	4	.....	....	1	75	56 87	.....	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch	Vacant†	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	North Branch, Sul. Co., "
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	75	12	4	1	...	2	275	7	3	.....	50	3	130	84 01	877 78	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker.	80	4	4	8	...	6	180	10	4	...	....	1	150	300	2,000	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	Richard De Witt	70	6	1	8	..	3	110	3	3	49	....	1	70	28 14	1,138 64	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack (Upper)	Gilbert S. Garretson	52	2	....	3	...	2	60	1	1	.....	90	..	70	22	500	Dingman's B'dge, Pike Co. **Pa.**
Walpack (Lower)	Henry L. Rex	67	10	....	4	...	4	150	3	4	.....	80	2	120	43 50	900	Bushkill, " "
Wawarsing	Goodloe B. Bell	86	1	....	3	...	4	125	3	....	...	42	3	223	140	1,150	Napanock, Ulster Co., **N. Y.**
	Total	2010	140	78	58	4	63	3553	85	60	91	1086	28	2955	$3,436 68	$24,186 09	

Other Ministers.—**Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghampton, N. Y. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.**

* Revised List. † No Report.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson (s.c.)	190	11	7	6	...	9	498	3	...	.....	.....	1	275	$3,489 99	$3,770 86	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	145	6	11	6	...	5	331	6	2	.....	100	1	155	2,285 84	4,659 66	Poughkeepsie, "
Fishkill	Asher Anderson	98	5	7	6	...	5	198	4	3	.....	.....	1	100	468	2,350	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Graham Taylor	184	9	3	14	1	4	253	4	5	76	75	5	250	271 94	2,097 39	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	Henry Ward	100	1	...	...	...	1	148	1	.	52	50	5	200	395 11	1,229 91	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	L. Walter Lott	108	12	1	4	...	4	224	2	2	.....	....	1	145	287	1,268	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	Charles W. Fritts	120	10	....	...	...	4	249	6	1	.....	.....	1	195	495 57	5,690 15	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	G. R. Garretson	75	3	....	3	...	2	144	5	2	52	25	1	59	123 11	1,150	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	William W. Schomp	48	....	3	11	...	1	50	2	...	.....	.....	1	120	139 34	548 33	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	18	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	.....	25	1	30	12 00	500	Cold Spring "
Millbrook	Henry N. Cobb	73	8	7	2	...	2	134	7	6	.....	.....	3	150	281 32	1,706 86	Millbrook, "
	Total	1104	65	39	52	1	37	2254	40	21	180	275	21	1679	$8,249 22	$24,916 16	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill, N. Y. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck, N. Y. Rev. H. Dater, Hawthorne, N. J. Rev. C. S. Hageman, Nyack, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		Number of Catechumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Bronxville	John Hutchins (s.c.)	45	4	1	...	...	...	78	2	2	12	.....	2	95	$369 11	$7,784 21	Bronxville,	N. Y.
Courtlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	80	2	1	1	1	2	77	8	1	... .	40	2	115	25 60	817 25	Montrose,	"
Fordham	William Anderson	50	....	5	...	...	1	77	...	...	.....	.....	1	100	306 97	7,127 29	Fordham,	" City.
Greenburgh	Vacant	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	Scarsdale,	"
Greenville	Geo. A. Ries	32	1	3	...	...	2	54	1	1	.....	.....	1	40	15 22	864	Hartsdale,	"
Hastings	T. R. G. Peck	79	2	1	.....		1	160	1	1	. ...	... .	2	210	322 18	2,076	Hastings,	"
Melrose	John E. Lang	54	21	....	1	.	4	99	17	1	223	19	1	346	10	906 19	Morrisania,	" City.
Mount Vernon	Charles K. Clearwater	127	13	16	10	1	6	*265	8	2	170	146	1	198	442 37	5,446 42	Mt. Vernon,	"
Peekskill	Vacant	60	3	....	5	...	3	115	2	1	....	60	1	91	75	1,192 99	Peekskill,	"
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	115	6	4	9	.	3	240	5	....	.....	.....	1	175	489 76	3,314 24	North Tarrytown,	"
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	2	6	6	3	3	323	5	....	.....	55	1	100	742 57	3,910 81	Tarrytown,	"
Unionville	Howard Harris	65	....	2	2	...	...	100	1	....	...	25	1	98	79 78	1,181 30	Neperan,	"
West Farms	John Simonson	42	1	....	...	...	1	52	2	...	90	55	1	114	181 21	1,152 74	West Farms	" City.
Yonkers*	David Cole	150	8	16	13	...	5	367	14	2	.....	110	1	365	1,240 30	4,686 22	Yonkers,	"
	Total	899	63	55	47	5	31	2007	66	11	495	510	16	2045	$4,300 05	$4,0559 67		

Other Ministers.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham. W. Brush, Morristown, N. J. Isaac L. Kip, Patterson, N. J., L. H. Van Dyck, Curator Hertzog Hall, Theological Seminary, N. Brunswick. W. W. Rand, American Tract Society, Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Candidates.—Alexander Watson, Bible House, N. Y. City. City Missionary, Alphonso Wood, West Farms.

*Amended Roll.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1880.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Total now in Communion.	BAP. Infants.	BAP. Adults.	Total of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S. Number of Catechumens.	C. C. & S. S. No. of S. Schools.	C. C. & S. S. Total Number of Scholars.	CONTRIBUTIONS Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS Congregational Purposes	STATED CLERKS.
															*R. A. P.	
Arcot	21	8	..	.....	180	....	1286	....	...	.....	1407	...	1576	.....	1,105 3 5	John H. Wyckoff.
Hudson	10	14	..	1100	62	13	1948	45	20	344	85	13	1249	$2,912 84	$16,584 21	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Kingston	14	13	..	1430	111	35	2492	95	35	1242	645	40	2193	2,071 62	15,185 03	Philip Peltz.
North Long Island	20	23	1	2223	165	79	3377	219	29	1339	657	23	4944	4,713 51	53,208 16	Wm. H. Ten Eyck.
South Long Island	17	23	..	1619	164	75	3950	244	36	2029	1293	23	5463	22,263 77	69,336 29	H. V. S. Meyers.
New York	21	34	1	2471	330	148	6891	232	25	1251	1663	28	8220	39,495 81	70,121 52	Abraham Thompson.
Orange	26	24	..	2010	140	78	3553	85	60	91	1086	28	2955	3,436 68	24,136 09	Edward W. Bentley.
Poughkeepsie	11	14	..	1104	65	39	2254	40	21	180	275	21	1679	8,249 22	24,916 16	A. P. Van Gieson.
Westchester	14	17	..	899	63	55	2007	66	11	495	510	16	2045	4,300 05	40,559 67	John Hutchins.
Total	154	170	2	12,856	1280	514	27,758	1026	237	6971	7011	192	30,324	87,443 50	314,042 13	

*Total Benevolence and Congregational.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported upon the Minutes of each of the Classes as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Classis of Hudson.—Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of Classis of Hudson with care, and find them regular, kept in good order, with nothing that demands the attention of Synod, and would recommend that they be approved.

J. B. CHURCH, *Chairman.*

Classis of Kingston.—The Committee on Minutes of Classis of Kingston report that they find the Minutes in good order, and worthy of approval.

WM. D. PERRY, *Chairman.*

North Classis of Long Island.—Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Minutes of North Classis of Long Island, and find they are kept with care, and recommend their approval.

JACOB WEBER, *Chairman.*

South Classis of Long Island.—The Committee on Classical Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, respectfully report: We have examined the Minutes of the South Classis of Long Island, for meetings held May 12th, July 7th, July 28th, September 23d, October 21st, Nov. 24th, 1879, and March 15th, and April 20th, 1880, and find them correct, except in the following particulars:

In the Minutes for October 21st, page 46, presumably important communications are referred to as having been received and acted upon, and Commissioners appointed to convey the reasons of said action to parties interested, but no minute is made of either the substance of said communications, or sense of said reasons, or instructions in regard to action taken.

In the Minutes for April 20th 1880, page 32, the Committee of Classis on Consistorial Records, reports the books correct, so far

as they could read them, those of Canarsie and New Brooklyn being written in German. No action looking to the remedy of this difficulty would appear to have been taken by the Classis.

On page 64, Minutes of April 20th, Const. questions are in some cases answered in the negative; but no notice would seem to have been taken of that fact by Classis.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee would offer the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the South Classis of Long Island be called—

I. To the necessity of embodying in their Minutes the substance of all communications acted upon or issued by them.

II. To the propriety of keeping records of Churches of the Reformed Church in *America* in the English language—legibly written.

III. To the responsibility resting on Classis for negative answers to the Const. questions that stand on the record unrebuked.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. BERG,
A. H. DOWNER.

Classis of New York.—Your Committee has examined the Minutes of the Classis of New York, and find them neatly and carefully kept, and all the proceedings regular, with one exception, viz: at the ordination and installation of Rev. E. B. Coe, the rule of the Church, that the President of Classis preside and read the form, was violated by the substitution of another person, without any suitable reason for the same.

Respectfully,

R. DE WITT,
J. I. DEYO.

Classis of Orange.—Your Committee have examined the Minutes of Classis of Orange, for years 1878, 1879, and April, 1880, and find them correctly kept. We call the attention of Synod that in the Spring Session of 1880, twelve, out of twenty Churches are reported as answering "No" to the 2d question relating to the Catechism; six Churches not represented.

A. J. PARK,
H. CAMERDEN, JR.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That Synod enjoins upon the Classis of Orange the duty of enforcing upon its members the Constitutional injunction and command for explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Your Committee on the Minutes of this Classis, report that they have examined the book for 1879, and also for the preceding years, when they omitted to send their book to Synod, and have found it well kept, and recommend its approval.

CHARLES K. CLEARWATER, *Chairman.*

Classis of Westchester.—The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, beg leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the Minutes of said Classis placed in their hands, and find them regularly and neatly kept. The fact should, perhaps, be noted, that the extra session of October 20th, 1879, is not stated to have been closed with prayer, as required by Art. 5, Sec. 3.

Also, that nine of the fourteen Churches of the Classis answered the 2d Constitutional question relating to the regular explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism, and the same number of Churches answer the 7th question in the negative. The statement is, indeed, made that "Churches answering negatively to any of the questions were allowed to explain." But no explanations thus given are recorded in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classis of Westchester be called to this omission.

HENRY N. COBB,
E. L. BEADLE.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Answers, respectfully report that no papers have been placed in their hands.

ABRAHAM THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee recommend that the nominations for General Synod, sent up by the various Classes, be acted on favorably, and confirmed.

J. ELMENDORF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

SIGNING THE FORMULA.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to by Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIX.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour of the afternoon, after the organization, was spent in devotion, under the leadership of the President, and the first hour of Wednesday in the same manner. The special Sermon on Foreign Missions was preached on the second evening of the Session, by Rev. M. L. Haines, from the text Isa. 60 : 1 ; first clause. Arise and shine, for Thy light is come.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod.

The Rev. H. N. Cobb and E. C. Scudder, were requested to address Synod upon the subject of Foreign Missions, and this was made the first order for the afternoon Session of the second day.

The Rev. Wm. Ormiston was requested to address the Synod upon the subject of Domestic Missions, and this was made the order of the second day, immediately after the presentation of the subject of Foreign Missions.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the above brethren for their earnest, stirring and highly instructive remarks.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Particular Synod of New York be tendered to the Consistory of the Church of Mount Vernon, for the use of their ample edifices, and for the thoughtful provisions made for the comfort and convenience of the Synod.

Resolved, That the members of Synod would record their grateful appreciation of the careful courtesy of Rev. C. K. Clearwater, Pastor of the Church of Mount Vernon ; of the genial and generous hospitality of the families in which we have been entertained ; of the delicious repasts spread in the beautiful chapel for the physical refreshment and social enjoyment of the members of Synod, which rounded out delightfully the expression, and deepened indelibly, the impression of Mount Vernon, thoughtful, Christian hospitality.

ARTICLE XX.

THE QUESTORATE.

The Questor presented the following account.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK, in account with

THEOPHILUS A. BROUWER, *Questor.*

1879.	Cr.	
June 23.	To Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for salary as Stated Clerk to May, 1880	$50
23.	" Cash paid Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for traveling expenses and postage	3
Sept. 23.	" Cash paid Hosford & Sons, for printing Minutes of 1879 (450 copies)	93 86
1880.		
May 1.	" Cash Balance due Synod to new account	121 49
		$268 35

1879.	Dr.	
May 5.	By Cash Balance from old account	$268 35
		$268 35

The Committee on the Questorate report that they have examined the Questor's account with the vouchers, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due the Synod of One hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-nine cents ($121.49.)

HENRY N. COBB,
ANDREW J. PARK,
RICHARD DE WITT,
HENRY CAMERDEN, JR.,
HENRY VAN ARSDALE.

ARTICLE XXI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following were appointed:

Classis of Arcot.

Classis of Hudson.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.,	Elder George Vosburg,
" William Smith,	" J. C. Benhem, M.D.,
" John S. Himrod,	" R. B. Shepard.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Arad J. Sebring,	Elder Allen Rossman,
" Thomas S. Dusinberre,	" Henry Allen,
" De Witt B. Wyckoff,	" Robert Ham.

Classis of Kingston.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. F. Harris,	Elder Andrew J. Snyder,
" M. F. Liebenau,	" A. M. Van Wagenen,
" Wm. H. Vroom,	" Wm. H. Krum.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. N. Todd,	Elder Daniel Ellsworth,
" C. E. Lasher,	" Isaac Schoonmaker,
" L. J. Lockwood,	" Thomas H. Merritt.

North Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D.,	Elder Fred'k. A. Lancashire,
" John A. Davis,	" John L. Bogart,
" John M. Wagner,	" Christian Spoerl,
" Wm. Ferris,	" James E. Pringle.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Herman C. Berg,	Elder A. H. Downer,
" C. D. F. Steinfuhrer,	" Michael Diehl,
" Julius Hones,	" Michael Roemer,
" Henry A. Powell,	" Wm. J. Van Horne.

South Classis of Long Island.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Uriah D. Gulick,	Elder G. C. Adams,
" Nicholas Pearse,	" Henry D. Van Orden,
" John A. Lansing, D.D.,	" John D. Prince.

SECUNDI.

Rev. S. S. Mitchell, D.D.,	Elder Wm. G. Kouwenhoven,
" John M. Van Buren,	" Isaac Brinkerhoff,
" Henry V. S. Myers,	" Peter Kopf.

Classis of New York.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Carlos Martyn	Elder John Van Nest,
" Francis M. Kip, D.D.,	" S. B. Schieffelin,
" James Brownlee, D.D.,	" William H. Jackson,
" J. Henry Bertholf,	" William Wood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Hasbrouck Du Bois,	Elder Floyd Clarkson,
" Abraham Thompson,	" Cornelius Cole,
" John H. Oerter, D.D.,	" W. De Vries,
" F. N. Zabriskie, D.D.,	" R. N. Parlee.

Classis of Orange.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Robert H. Beattie, D.D.,	Elder J. L. La Moree, M. D.,
" Goyn Talmage, D.D.,	" T. J. Bonnell,
" Goodloe B. Bell,	" Henry Bergen,
" Ferdinand S. Schenck,	" C. Decker,
" Henry L. Rex,	" Stephen Harris.

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